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Ouman workers protest following dismissals

MICHAL YUDELMAN

SCORES of angry workers from Ofakim's Polgat-owned Ouman textile company demonstrated yesterday for hours outside Tel Aviv's headquarters of Clal, Polgat's mother company.

The workers protested Polgat's decision to close down Ouman and of its issuing 190 dismissal notices yesterday morning, following the breakdown of negotiations with Ouman's management the previous night.

A cordon of dozens of policemen confronted the workers outside Clai House and prevented

The Histadrut, which is backing the workers, had promised the participation of several unions to show solidarity in the demonstration, but they failed to appear and the Ouman workers were left

alone in their protest. Histadrut executive member Binyamin Gonen blasted the other unions' failure to show up, saying he would demand taking personal measures against those who had promised to come.

This is a severe shortcoming and reflects the weakness of the unions and the Histadrut," Gonen

Ouman's union heads, headed by Histadrut executive members Michel Elmaliah and MK Yossi Vanunu, requested a meeting with Clai managers, but were denied.

Histadrut executive-member MK Shmuel Avital said yesterday that "Polgat has secretly sold Ouman's machines and equipment, and intends today to ask the court for an evacuation order of the workers from the plant premises, to enable moving the machines out

of there." Avital said that a month and a half before the closure, Ouman's management took steps to slow down the production. He said ne received authorized information that Polgat and Ouman had signed a deal to sell the plant's equip-ment, and that one of the purchasers is a Gaza resident.

Polgat manager Motti Baron firmly denied reports of selling the

plant or its equipment. Ouman's management yesterday accused the Histadrut of sabotaging the negotiations the previous night between the workers and management, and of not canceling the demonstration.

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Christopher arrives today for consultations DAVID RUDGE and Itim

An IDF soldier at Sde Dov Airport prepares the red carpet for the strival of King

Syria and Israel prepare

to resume talks Jan. 21

Christopher will try on this trip to persuade President Hafez Assad to raise the level of negotiations.

Foreign Minister Ehud Barak is expected in Washington on January 20, the day before the peace talks resume, and Christopher wants Assad to send his foreign minister, Farouk Shara, US diplomatic sources told AP.

Israel's negotiators - Foreign Ministry Director-General Uri Savir, Ambassador to the US Itamar Rabinovich, and Yoel Singer - have already updated Peres on the developments at the talks. They relayed their impression that the Syrians are now more open to negotiations and are willing to discuss

future relations. After the talks, Peres said the main area of contention is now over the "essence of the peace," or the extent of normalization. Assad has already agreed to forming diplomatic ties with Israel before withdrawal from the Golan is complete. However, according to the

report given to Peres, Syria is

specifics relating to the nations'

not willing to agree to the level of normalization sought by

Christopher is expected to try to obtain an agreement from Israel and Syria that each would include an army officer and an economist in the next round of negotiations.

Christopher will also try to get further clarifications on the subject of normalization with

The sides are reportedly planning to discuss water issues when talks resume.

Only an agreement with Syria can solve the problem of south Lebanon and security along the northern border, Interior Minister Haim Ramon told reporters during a tour of the north yesterday.

"The problem of south Lebanon is difficult and complex. Successive governments have tried virtually all military means, but we didn't succeed in destroying centers of terror and violence in south Lebanon," said Ramon.

"I very much hope that in the framework of an agreement with Syria we will succeed in finding a political solution that will bring peace to this region," he said.

Massive security measures will gridlock city

TEL AVIV, Israel's "city which never stops," is expected to grind to a virtual standstill this afternoon as Jordan's King Hussein pays his first public visit. Some 6,000 po-licemen, special forces, GSS officers, and snipers, aided by helicopters, will guard the routes to be taken by the royal

Several main thoroughfares, including Ibn Gvirol, Arlosorov, and Shaul Hamelech, will be closed intermittently from early morning until the king departs in the evening. Parking will be forbidden along all roads to be taken by the motorcade, and vehicles will be towed away. (Story, Page 2)
"I would truly advise anyone

who doesn't have to be in Tel Aviv [this] afternoon to stay away," Police chief Assaf Hefetz told Israel Radio.

The streets of Tel Aviv have been decorated with the flags of Jordan and Israel, but most of the city's residents will view the Jordanian monarch only from their TV screens.

We are very excited," Mayor Ronni Milo said last night in an Israel TV interview. "We have decorated the city and cleaned the streets ... but citizens will not be allowed on those roads where the guests are going to drive. I hope the visit will be a success."

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Jordanian Ambassador Marwan Muasher played down political expectations from the one-

"The fact that this is his majesty's first visit to Tel Aviv does not mean there are new political developments that warranted the visit," Muasher told Reuters. He said the visit had been planned before prime minister Yitzhak Rabin was assassinated.

"I think Jordan's relationship with Israel is going in a very healthy manner," Muasher said. "Initially there were exaggerations from both sides on the popular level. Jordanians expected immediate benefits, and Israelis expected quick normalization in all aspects. The expectations are now giving way to more realistic approaches," he said.

At 2:30 p.m., the monarch, accompanied by several senior cabinet ministers, will arrive at Sde Dov Airport, where he will be greeted by Prime Minister Shimon Peres and be received with full military honors.

Following the ceremony, the motorcade will travel to Ichilov Hospital, where Hussein's first stop will be the neurosurgery department, where two Jordanian soldiers are hospitalized. Later he will attend the signing ceremony of the foundation scroll for the Yitzhak Rabin Trauma Center, a ceremony also to be attended by Leah Rabin, Health Minister Efraim Sneh, and Milo.

The motorcade will travel through the flag-bedecked streets of Tel Aviv to the Defense Ministry, where Hussein and Peres will confer at 5:00 p.m.

Later in the evening the two will fly to Beit Gavriel on the Kinneret, where they will be joined by US Secretary of State Warren Christopher.

Christopher has moved up his visit to Israel and Syria. He will arrive in the morning and confer with Peres. The three leaders are also expected to hold a meeting at the Peace Room in Beit Gavriel, following the awarding of a peace prize to former cabinet secretary Judge Elyakim Rubinstein and Jordanian Ambassador to the US Fayez Tarawneh.

The king will return to Jordan after dinner.

MK Emanuel Zissman (Labor) sent a telegram to King Hussein yesterday asking him to combine a visit to Jerusalem and the Knesset with his visit here. Zissman expressed surprise that the Jordanians had not taken the initiative. "The peace treaty with Jordan includes recognition of Jerusalem as the capital," Zissman said.

Sandi Foreign Minister Crown Prince Sand Faisal visited Amman yesterday. Observers said the two countries have buried the hatchet between them since Jordan supported Iraq in the Gulf War. The timing of the visit - the day before Hussein's second visit to israel - was seen as significant. Liat Collins contributed to this

Senior defense figure accepts post as GSS chief

told Prime Minister Shimon Peres that he accepted the appointment to succeed "K." as head of the General Security Service.

If the appointment is approved, the new GSS head is expected to take up the post in the next few

days.

"K," who offered his resignation Monday, told Peres he would stay on the job until a replacement can take over. K. told the Knesset subcommittee on special services yesterday that Prime Minister

Shimon Peres would decide when he should leave. The prime minister began consultations yesterday in search of a successor to K. The two principal candidates for the job were reportedly former OC Navy Adm. (res.) Ami Ayalon and OC Central Command Maj.-Gen. Ilan Biran.

Ayalon declined to answer whether Peres had offered him the post. Asked whether he was struggling with a decision, Ayalon replied: "I struggle all my life." Sources close to Avalon said that he has come under considerable pressure in

recent days to accept the post. Biran was also considered a strong candidate, being a recognized expert on terrorism and having a close working knowledge of Judea and Samaria. In an unusual move, K., his face obscured, granted a brief interview to Channel 1's parliamentary reporter ontside the meeting. He said he is not concerned about the findings of the

Shamgar Commission of Inquiry into Yitzhak Rabin's assassination, or about his identity hecoming known. He refused to comment on how he has been

A SENIOR defense establishment figure last night treated by the commission. "I don't want to say what I have to say to the commission," he said.

On the condition of the service, K. said: "The GSS is excellent. It's strong. Nothing will happen to it. This body is too strong, too stable, and too professional for anything to happen to it."
He did not say what his future plans are.

Asked whether he believes the name of the GSS heads should be disclosed in the future, K. replied: "I gave my answer to the prime minister," but refused to say what the answer was. He said his own face would not be revealed to the public in the Members of the subcommittee expressed regret

at K.'s resignation.

Meanwhile, the deputy chief of the GSS testified for over two hours yesterday before the Shamgar Commission in defense of his boss.

The deputy chief, R., outlined the steps K. had taken before Rabin's assassination in response to the threat that Jewish extremists would attack the prime minister or some other senior official. sources close to the commission said.

R. was asked to testify by K., who after being issued a warning letter by the commission last month is entitled to bring witnesses to speak in his

R.'s testimony was considered particularly important, as he was acting GSS head the night of the assassination, because K. was out of the

No commission hearings are scheduled for today, with hearings to resume tomorrow.

Russia stops talks with Chechen gunmen News agencies

MOSCOW - Russian authorities broke off talks with Chechen gunmen yesterday after they killed two hostages held in a hos-pital in Russia's North Caucasus, an Interior Ministry spokesman

The Moscow-based spokesman gave no further details. Itar-Tass news agency, in an earlier report from the town of Kizlyar, quoted a local resident who visited the hospital as saying the separatist

gunmen had killed two hostages. The rebels, demanding an end to the war in their breakaway republic raided the southern Russian town, seized a hospital and about 2,000 hostages, and began battling Russian troops in the

In Moscow, the attack prompted President Boris Yeltsin to call an emergency session of security chiefs in the Kremlin and brought renewed appeals from critics to end the unpopular war.

(Full story, Page 4)

Donors pledge \$1.37b in aid to Palestinians

DONOR nations pledged \$1.37 billion in aid to the Palestinian Authority yesterday, in a political boost to PLO leader Yasser Arafat two weeks before the first elections in the Gaza Strip and West Bank.

TALKS between Israel and

Syria will resume on January 21,

diplomatic sources in Damascus

revealed yesterday. Israel Radio

also reported that the two sides

will reconvene, but the location

Christopher will arrive here

today for the first leg of a shuttle

diplomacy mission between

Israel and Syria, during which he will meet with Syrian

President Hafez Assad and

obtain agreement from Assad

and Peres of the progress made

Maryland talks.

Israeli side."

Christopher is expected to

negotiators at the recent

An editorial in the Syrian

daily Al-Thawra said Christopher can expect "fruitful

and serious cooperation" from

the Syrian leadership. "In

exchange, Syria is anticipating

similar readiness from the

achieving further positive steps

Al-Thawra said, without

elaborating. "There is now a significant and precious chance

to achieve substantial progress

on the Syrian track."

that serve the peace process.

The climate is suitable for

Prime Minister Shimon Peres.

US Secretary of State Warren

has yet to be decided.

A serious diplomatic incident occurred just before the signing of the aid agreement. The Palestimans rejected Article 5 of the document, which recognizes Israel's right to take whatever measures necessary in order to guarantee security, referring to the closure imposed on the territory after the assassination of Yihye Ayyash.

After having made the protest, Arafat agreed to sign the document, adding his comments on the problematic article.

The money pledged for new development projects was beyond the Palestinians' expectations. They received \$865 million over their requested \$550m. The rest of the funds, \$500m., were committed previously but not yet disbursed. The money will be disbursed between January 1996 and March

Without the assistance from our brother countries, our friends, we would have been **ELDAD BECK and agencies** PARIS

unable to continue along the road to a just peace," said Arafat, who had appealed for \$1.3b. "This will first of all strengthen our democracy. All our infrastructure has been destroyed and we are starting from zero, from below zero," be added.

French Foreign Minister Herve de Charette told a news conference that some 50 donor countries and organizations had pledged the total at the one-day conference, which drew so many participants that "we

had difficulty seating them all."

The European Union remained the most generous donor, with \$120m. The World Bank pledged \$90m. and the United States \$71m. The EU funds a major slice of the running costs of the PA.

Foreign Minister Ehud Barak said Israel. which had allocated almost \$300m, in the past 18 months to the Palestinians, "will continue to play its part in future." Barak and Arafat held an hour-long midnight meeting Monday night, but did not discuss the killing of Ayyash. "We did not discuss this matter,"

said Arafat, who only on Sunday had accused Israel of killing "the martyr" Ayyash in violation of the Israel-PLO peace accords.

"It really wasn't mentioned, and I think that shows correct judgment on the chairman's part that it would not have been right to discuss these things," Barak said. "It was wise, and shows his concentration on the main issue, which is to obtain the backing of donor countries for the big effort which the Palestinian Authority is making to stand on its own feet economically."

The Palestinians, Israel and donors also signed a tripartite agreement governing the finances of the future Palestinian government. Under the accord, Israel will commit itself to supporting and facilitating economic development. Israel is to transfer tax revenues collected from Palestinians during its administration of the territories and to exempt imported Palestinian capital goods from customs duty.



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The meeting will take place on Sunday, January 14, 1996,

at 5 p.m. at the Sheraton Hotel, 115 Hayarkon St., Tei Aviv. Those wishing to attend should contact

the Israel-Canada Chamber of Commerce by phone at 03-6202544, or by fax to 03-6202513.

The event is sponsored by Bank Leumi,





Israel will release 1,200 Palestinian prisoners over next five days

100 in the West Bank.

ISRAEL will release 1,200 Palestinian prisoners over the next five days - ahead of Palestinian general elections - following a decision by the Ministerial Committee on Prisoner Releases.

"The release of the prisoners is likely to bring about a relaxation of tensions in the territories after the murder of Yihye Ayyash," a senior IDF source said.

Hisham Abdel Razek, head of the Palestinian team negotiating prisoner releases with Israel, met last night with IDF officials to agree

Two-hundred prisoners are to be released this morning into the Gaza Strip at the Nahal Oz crossing, and 600 others will be set free at Israeli-Palestinian Authority liaison offices in the West Bank.

Tomorrow, 100 Palestinians convicted of murdering collaborators and given life sentences are to be released at Nahal Oz, and another

PA issues warrant for

suspect in death of Ayyash

will not prevent the murder of Jews. Once a murderer, always a Liat Collins contributed to this report.

On Monday, 90 prisoners who committed other crimes will be

"The release of prisoners will have a very positive impact on people,

especially before elections," Abdel Razek told The Associated Press.

MK Avner Shaki (National Religious Party) said "the imminent

"I'm calling on the prime minister to stop the release of those who

murdered their own people because the murderers of collaborators

transferred to the PA in Jericho, while 40 will be released to Gaza.

The release was agreed to in the Oslo 2 accord.

release of 1,000 murderous prisoners is just too much.

The vote is scheduled for January 20.

PLO specifically states that only

prisoners "not involved in [caus-

ing] death or serious injury"

has repeated this promise to the

High Court in response to peti-

tions against previous prisoner

Therefore, he said, the state

would be violating both its the

agreement and its promises to the

court by releasing prisoners who

In addition, he said, by releas-

ing murderers of Arabs while it

refuses to release murderers of

'ews, the government is stating

murdered collaborators.

In addition, he said, the state

would be released.

releases.

High Court declines to rule on collaborator case THE High Court of Justice yes terday rejected a petition by two collaborators seeking to block the release, under the Oslo 2 agreement, of Arab's imprisoned for killing other Arabs.

The justices declined to rule on the merits of the case, on the grounds it is a political issue.

The perition was filed by Avi Mashariki and Araf Jabar, who both assisted the General Security Service for several years, and an organization for promoting the status of collaborators, of which they are the founders.

Mashariki is a convert to Judaism.

Israel has promised to release

THE Palestinian Authority yes-

terday issued an arrest warrant

for Kamal Hamad, a contractor

suspected of passing a booby-

trapped cellular phone to terror-

ist Yihye Ayyash, and preventive

security police raided his house

searching for evidence that would

show he was linked to Israeli

"I issued an arrest warrant to

all police stations, checkpoints

and border points in Gaza and

the West Bank," PA Attorney-

He said no request had been

made for extradition "because we

don't know where he is and have

not yet finished our investiga-

tions. But we know that Israel is

responsible for this offense be-

cause they have declared it on TV

Al-Kidrah said that other sus-

pects were being held but no one

has yet been charged.

General Khalid al-Kidrah said.

intelligence.

and radio."

week, prior to the elections for the Palestinian Authority council.

Justice Minister David Liba'i has said these releases will not include anyone convicted of either killing or seriously wounding an

However, press reports have stated that those to be released do include Arabs convicted of killing their fellow Arabs, generally because they were suspected of collaboration with Israel.

Attorney Naftali Werzberger, representing the petitioners, argued that this is illegal, because the interim agreement with the

Yesterday, Palestinian election

candidates in Gaza streamed to

the mourning tent for Ayyash

erected outside the Palestine

Mosque. In Bethlehem Hamas

held a rally in Manger Square,

placing Hamas signs and slogans

over the walls and almost obscur-

ing the two-story picture of

Yasser Arafat opposite the police

Palestinian observers said

much of the official mourning for

Avvash is a clear attempt to

maintain national unity before

the elections, following the shock

Israeli security sources con-

firmed that the danger of Hamas-Fatah violence exists and there

had been some incidents. On Monday night, shots were fired at

the Gaza home of Imad Falouji, a

former Hamas official, who is

running in the elections on the

Fatah ticket, they said.

of Ayyash's assassination.

that Arab lives are less valuable than Jewish lives.

To determine the length of a man's sentence by the nationality of his victim is a clear violation of Israel's basic legal principles, which prevent discrimination due

to national origin, he said. Finally, he argued, releasing prisoners who killed collaborators sends the message that this is an acceptable thing to do, and will therefore encourage more killings.

However, Justices Eliezer Goldberg, Ya'acov Kedmi, and Dalia Dorner ruled that the prisoner release is a political issue, and that therefore the court could not get involved.

Tel Aviv royally sealed for King Hussein's visit

Streets to be closed; vehicles will be towed

TEL AVIV will practically become a "closed zone" today due to blanket security for the visit of Jordan's King Hussein. Major roads will be closed for much of the day, until Hussein leaves for Beit Gavriel on the shores of the Kinneret for a peace award

At Ichilov Hospital the king will visit two Jordanian soldiers in the neurosurgical ward before inaugurating a new trauma wing, named in memory of Yitzhak Ra-

From early afternoon the area surrounding the hospital will be sealed off. Parking of all vehicles, including bicycles and mopeds, will be banned from 8 a.m. until 7

Vehicles parked in the following areas will be towed away: Ibn Gvirol Street, from Reading to Dizengoff-Kaplan junction; Sderot Rokach, from the Eliezer Bridge to Derech Namir, including parking lots in the Sportek area; Derech Namir from Rehov Haim Lebanon to the Tauva-Shaul Hamelech junction; Rehov Arlosorov, from Derech Namir to Ibn Gvirol; Rehov Weizmann from Arlosorov to Sderot Shaul Hamelech; Saul Hamelech from Derech Namir to Ibn Gvirol; and

RAINE MARCUS and DAVID RUDGE

Sderot David Hamelech. From 10 a.m. the following streets will be closed to traffic; Ibn Gvirol; Arlosorov; Weizmann; David Hamelech; and Shaul Hamelech. Parts of these streets will be opened and closed alternately during the day, but police advise drivers to use other routes, since the exact times are still not known. Changes will be broadcast on the radio.

Ichilov Hospital will virtually close for the day. Outpatient clinics will not accept patients, with the exception of the Dana children's ward and rehabilitation clinics. Entrance to the two open clinics will be through Rehov Henrietta Szold only.

The hospital's emergency ward will be open for "extreme emergencies" only.

Operations will be conducted as usual, the hospital spokesman said. However, recovered patients may only be released before 10 a.m. or after 5:30 p.m.

Relatives and friends of patients will be banned from visiting from 6 a.m., except for visitors to the Dana and rehabilitation

The Yitzhak Rabin memorial wall to be unveiled at the hospital is constructed from stone and glass; stone from the Jerusalem hills meant to express warmth and glass to express cold - contradiction and acceptance.

Stringent security measures will also be in force in the Tzemah area for the visit by Hussein and Prime Minister Shimon Peres to Beit Gavriel at Lake Kinneret this evening. Prizes are to be awarded to Elyakim Rubinstein and his Jordanian counterpart, Fayez Tarawneh, for their contributions to achieving the peace treaty between Jordan and Israel.

Robinstein, now a judge, and Tarawaeh, now Jordan's ambassador to Washington, both led their respective delegations in the peace talks between the two countries. They are each to receive a cash prize of \$25,000 from the Gabriel Sherover Foundation. The presentations were to have taken place on November 7. but were postponed following the Rabin assassination.

More than 700 police, as well as other security forces, will be on duty and roads in the vicinity of Beit Gavriel will be closed from this afternoon until the conclusion of the event later tonight.

Golan residents against withdrawal declare 'state of emergency'

DAVID RUDGE

THE Golan Residents Committee yesterday declared a "state of emergency' over the political situation, amid growing concern over the possibility of an agreement between Israel and Syria that would require a full withdrawal from the Golan Heights.

Committee spokesman Uri Heitner issued a rallying call to all those opposed to a pullout to "come to the Golan."

The call was answered aimost immediately by leaders of opposition parties, as well as heads of

the Third Way movement, who intend to meet with committee activists on the Golan tomorrow.

"We are basically saying to the public in general and leaders of the parties who oppose any form of withdrawal and support our 'Peace with the Golan' campaign. thar the time for action is now before it is too late," said Heitner. He added that the committee was planning activities to coincide with the upcoming shuttle to the region by US Secretary of State Warren Christoper.

Less than 5,000 Palestinians eligible to vote in Jerusalem

BILL HUTMAN

LESS than 5,000 Palestinians will be allowed to vote in Jerusalem in the upcoming Palestinian elections because of Israel's refusal to open additional polling stations in the city, the Jerusalem Post has

learned Palestinian and Israeli officials confirmed vesterday that nearly all of the 45.000 Palestinian voters in Jerusalem will have to travel to polling stations outside the

city on election day, January 20. PA officials charged the limitations on voting in Jerusalem are part of a general crackdown on campaign and election activity by Israel in the city.

"People will have to make their own way, either by private car, or maybe bus or taxi, to the stations outside the city," said Anan Abu Mazir, Jerusalem district office head for the Central Election Commission.

The CEC estimates the number of Palestinians who will be able to vote in Jerusalem at 4,400. Israeli sources put the number at between 4,500 and

Mazir spent over an hour on the phone yesterday afternoon trying to get Israeli approval for a candidate to bold a rally at the Hakawati Theatre in eastern

"We have been told that there can be no outdoor rallies in Jerusalem," Mazir told the Post. "And for indoor rallies, we must get prior approval from the police," he said.

Mazir also charged the police with unfairly tearing down campaign posters, and said candidates should not be limited to using biliboards put up by the city for election advertisements.

A police spokesman said police were largely ignoring the numerous violations by the Palestinian candidates of city ordinances limiting the use of campaign posters.

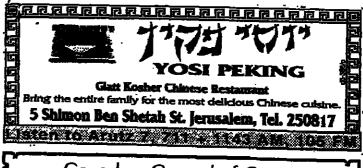
An Israeli official, who asked not to be named, said election regulations including the number of persons allowed to vote in the city was worked out some time ago between the two sides.

At this late stage, the official said, there is no chance for major changes in those regulations, despite the complaints.

"It was clear in the negotiations that what the Palestinians were most interested in was at least a symbolic presence of the elections in Jerusalem," the official said.

"This is what we agreed to, and no more," the official said.

About 80,000 Palestinians are registered to vote in the Jerusa-



CONSULATE GENERAL OF GREECE ANNOUNCEMENT

The Consulate General of Greece in Jerusalem announces that its Visa Section will start operating every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., as of Monday, January 15, 1996, at the Consular Premises at 11 Nashashibi Street, Sheikh Jarrah, Jerusalem, Tel. (02) 828316.



I intend to win the next election,' Prime Minister Shimon Peres tells visiting Jewish members of parliament and ministers yesterday, as conference chairman Yitzbak Herzog looks on (Isaac Harari)

Experts on fighting antisemitism advise Amman on dealing with anti-Moslem feeling

Judge Avrahami questioned by police Jerusalem Magistrate's Court Judge Amir Avrahami was questioned yesterday under caution for six hours by the National Crimes Squad in Petah Tikva. Attorney General Michael Ben-Yair decided to open an investigation into allegations that Avrahami committed sexually acts against a court typist and a breach of trust by allegedly consulting with a

NEWS IN BRIEF

Interior Ministry worker under house arrest The former director of the Interior Ministry's eastern Jerusalem branch was released yesterday to house arrest by the Petah Tikya Magistrate's Court. Haim Ben-Atar was arrested on Monday on suspicion of taking bribes to issue passports and identity cards to residents. Dozens of other workers and witnesses have already been questioned in the affair.

'Post' drops labor court appeal The Jerusalem Post has withdrawn its petition to the High Court of Justice regarding the National Labor Court's awarding of compensation to former employee Joanna Yehiek The petition was withdrawn following the recommendation of justices Zvi Tal, Theodor Or and Tova Strasberg-Cohen.

The Post had claimed Yehiel had resigned with a group of journalists six years ago when the paper changed ownership, and should therefore not be treated individually. The court did not accept this argument and recommended dropping the

ברוך דיין האמת We regretfully announce the death of AARON JOSEPH BEN-EZRA 5%

The funeral took place on Tuesday afternoon. Shiva at the home of the deceased, 2 Levi Eshkol, Apartment 7, Ramat Eshkol, Jerusalem.

Wife: Phyllis Ben-Ezra - Jerusalem Sister: Mirlam Ben-Ezra Denburg - Montreal Son and Daughter-In-law: Jonathan Ben-Ezra and Robin Zeiger Richmond.Va. Daughter and Son-in-law: Eather and Sholom Parnes - Efrat Grandchildren: Yaei, Avishal, Eliana and Aktva

With deep sorrow we mourn the great loss

MALI SPIELMAN n''y

a noble-minded and righteous woman

Pinchas and Miriam Spielman Shulamit and Yehuda Resnik and children Daniel and Yaffa Spielman and children Tzvi and Dina Spielman and children

BATSHEVA TSUR

days in Amman advising their Combat Antisemitism recently Jordanian counterparts, he said. visited Jordan as guests of Crown The Jordanians said they were Prince Hassan to advise the Jordanians on setting up a similar

disturbed because of the image in the western world of Moslems as fundamentalists and terrorists. "Some Moslems are, like some Jews and some Christians, but we don't want people to generalize about Moslems," they said.

Melchior, a former minister in the Danish government and son of the former chief rabbi, is attending the conference of Jewish ministers and MPs being held in Jerusalem under the auspices of the Israeli Forum, the Foreign Ministry and the Knesset "There are anti-Moslem feel-

ings even in Denmark, which is relatively tolerant and where religion does not play a great role,12 Melchior said. "Some Danes claim they will destroy Christianity in Denmark."

He said it was ironic that be, as a Jew, had to defend the 100,000strong Moslem community, many of whom are refugees from Bosnia or people who have fled from fundamentalist regimes like Pakistan, Iran and Iraq. In Denmark, there are 5,000 registered members of the Jewish community.

EU official: Israel hampering Palestinian candidates

THE chief European Union observer of the Palestinian election process said yesterday that Israel's restriction of movement could interfere with the election campaign.

A GROUP of members of the

Interparliamentary Council to

body to counteract anti-Moslem

Arne Melchior, a Jewish mem-

ber of the Danish Parliament who

was part of the Christian-Jewish

delegation, said that Hassan and

some Jordanian parliamentarians

were also members of the coun-

cil, which has 1,200 members

MP Greville Janner, spent two

The group, headed by British

from more than 80 countries.

feelings in Europe.

"Freedom of movement for candidates and people supporting them is of utmost importance," said Carl Lidbom, a former social democratic Justice Minister in

Meanwhile, the Israeli group Peace Watch, which has been granted observer status, reported that members of the Palestinian Central Election Commission (CEC) as well as Palestinian

Social & Personal THE WEEKLY MEETING of the Eng-ilsh-speaking Jerusalem Rotary Club will meet tonight at 7.30 p.m. for a gala dinner at the Art Village next to the Rav Chen Cinema, Talpiot. Visiting Rotavians

monitors have been stopped at toadblocks into Jerusalem for more than an hour "despite the fact that they have Israeli VIP

The roadblock restrictions have followed the intensified security measures imposed after the killing of arch-terrorist Yihye Ayyash on Friday and the calls by Islamic radicals for revenge against Israelis.

Three CEC members were stopped at A-Ram checkpoint in northern Jerusalem on Monday and Naseef Muallem, chief Palestinian monitor, was stopped at the Bethlehem checkpoint in southern Jerusalem Sunday, and his documents rudely dismissed as worthless by the soldiers there, Peace Watch said.

"It might be that Israelis are worried about security... but they laugh at her," Dror said.

have to make the necessary exceptions ... to allow elections," Lidbom told a meeting with the foreign press.

Domestic observers are supposed to be allowed "to travel through Israel" according to list drawn up by the CEC.

Shlomo Dror, the spokesman for the government coordinator in the territories, said that Israel had not received a list. "We live in an era of passes.

Just because the CEC issues a permit to any of 1,500 observers does not mean the recipient is not a security risk. There is a bilateral election committee which decides these things. If Samiha Khalil [a presidential candidate who has not requested a permit, were to try to enter Jerusalem without the proper permit soldiers would

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Kiryat Arba settlers can't use community center to discuss moving, compensation

A GROUP of Kiryat Arba rahi said, "We don't want to government compensation to move inside the Green Line will go ahead with a meeting in the settlement later this month, even though the local council will not let them meet at the community center.

Sima Mizrahi, a 20-year veteran of the community and one of the leaders of a group trying to get compensation for leaving now, said that the group has nothing against the settlement, but wants to move "for security reasons." She said the meeting will be held at the home of one of those involved in the group.

Peace Now has for months been supporting groups in various settlements who are lobbying the government for compensation to leave their settlements voluntarily.

The official government position, as articulated yesterday by ministers Binyamin Ben-Eliezer and Yossi Beilin, is that the government has no intentions of removing any settlements now and will not pay settlers to leave their settlements at this time.

However, Beilin told Israel Radio, if in the the final settlement with the Palestinians there will be settlements outside Israeli sovereignty, "I assume that the Israeli government will offer financial assistance for those who don't want to live outside [Israeli sovereignty]."

Responding to Beilin, Miz-

residents who are fighting for be the government's bargaining chip.

"What are they waiting for, another five people to be killed? The security situation here is getting much worse, and once the IDF moves out of Hebron it will get even worse. We will not be secure

Yossi Ben-Porat, another Kiryat Arba resident involved in the group, said that in the last week there has been a drastic increase in stonethrowing incidents on the way to the settlement. "Now Halboul is almost clear of the IDF," he said. "I hardly see a jeep there anymore. And as a result, the incidents there have risen dramatically."

Mizzahi said she received a phone threat yesterday, when a man called and warned her to watch herself and asked if she has life insurance. She filed a complaint with the

Kiryat Arba Local Council head Zvi Katzover said he deplores these types of threats. Katzover defended his deci-

sion not to let the group use the Kiryat Arba community center, saying there is no reason that a local anthority has to help activities that split the

"In my mind," Katzover said, "those who want to leave in these difficult days before the government has made any decision [as to a final agree-

Ben-Eliezer cancels Goldfarb's move to market hundreds of units in settlements

HOUSING Minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer issued orders yesterday canceling Deputy Minister Alex Goldfarb's instructions to sell or rent hundreds of empty housing units in Judea and Samaria settlements.

In a letter sent to Ben-Eliezer on Monday, Goldfarb said he was going to allow people to move into finished apartments in Karnei Shomron in Samaria, and Nisanit and Alei Sinai in the northem Gaza Strip. The government has not allowed the marketing of these homes because of its settle"I respect my deputy," Ben-Eliezer said, "but he has no anthority to give an order to move people into the homes. I don't think he knows [the situation], and I hope that he is not motivated by other considerations. The matter of moving people into homes is within the purview of the ministerial committee, and the person with the authority [to

Ben-Eliezer said he "does not

give such an order] is the minister

of housing and construction."

understand" Goldfarb's move. "These things go through a process," he said. "A deputy

minister cannot do these things, it embarrasses the government. You cannot have a situation where the minister says one thing, the government says one thing, and a deputy minister the authority that I have." roams around in the field and gives [other] directives."

Goldfarb, for his part, said that Ben-Eliezer gave him authority over the Housing Ministry-owned companies to which the units belong, and as such he has the authority to give directives to the

companies to sell or rent the

"The Peres government did not decide that I am unable to to deal with this matter," Goldfarb said. "As long as I do not get a written directive to the contrary, I am capable of operating within

Yenuda Lieberman, head of the Karnei Shomron Regional Council, said that what is at stake are about 180 housing units in the settlement, 80 of which have been broken into and are being lived in illegally, and 100 others that are standing empty.

There are also about 100 units in Alei Sinai and Nissanit.

Lieberman said he received promises from numerous ministers, including Ben-Eliezer and Internal Security Minister Moshe Shahal, that the government will allow people to move into the units in his settlement.

But, he said, nothing came of these promises, so he recently approached Goldfarb.

According to Lieberman, some 180 housing units were recently sold or rented in Ariel and he wants the same thing to take place in Karnei Shomron.

Meshulam's followers lose remand appeal

THREE of Uzi Meshulam's followers, remanded Sunday for allegedly trying to penetrate inter-nal Security Minister Moshe Shahal's home last Friday, appealed their detention to Tel Aviv District Court yesterday. Judge Avraham Baiser rejected the appeal of Moshe Ezer, Avin-

oam Marbov, and Ilan Anaki. The three were remanded for a week on suspicion of posting seditions notices near Shahal's Haifa home, conspiracy to commit a crime, insulting a civil servant, and obstructing a policman in the course of his duty.

Police say the three, together with others who have not yet been arrested, succeeded in penetrating round-the-clock police and GSS security at Shahal's home, but fled when challenged by a policeman.

The three claim they were in the area simply to put up posters. regulations.

Prosecutor Nava Bachur argued that the posters were seditious and that the suspects also conspired to harm Shahal.

In rejecting the appeal, Judge Baiser ruled that the police should be given time to complete their investigation while the three are in custody.

Meanwhile, Meshulam was punished yesterday at a disciplinary hearing before Ramle's Ayalon Prison warden Avi Harari for conducting an interview with Yediot Aharonot from a public phone at the prison against

Meshnlam was given a "severe caution" and was banned from receiving one weekly visitor and from using the telephone for a week. He was also given a suspended 14-day sentence of solitary confinement, to be activated if he further violates prison



Uzi Meshulam's followers (from left) Avinoam Marhov, Moshe Ezer, and Ilan Anaki attend the appeal of their remand yesterday at Tel Aviv District Court.

Push for recycling in mandatory deposits on soft drink containers

EVELYN GORDON

deposit on soda cans and bottles, which they would get back when they return the containers for recycling, according to a bill ap-proved by the Knesset Economics Committee for first reading yesterday.

A second bill approved by the committee for first reading yesterday would provide financial penalties for manufacturers who do not make their packages out of materials that can be either recycled or destroyed without harming the environment. The two will be eventually be combined.

The soda can deposit bill was submitted by Law Committee chairman Dedi Zucker (Meretz), who noted that in other countries, the deposit system has dramatically increased recycling. In the US, for instance, states without deposit systems recycle about 50 percent of their soft drink cans, while states with deposits recycle some 85%, he said. In Scandinavia, deposits have encouraged a recycling level of

PEOPLE would have to pay a Zucker stressed that increasing the recycling of soda cans and bottles would significantly improve the garbage situation in the country, since these containers constitute some 18% of all garbage in terms of volume, and 60% of the garbage in public

> The second bill, by Avraham Poraz (Meretz), would impose a tax on manufacturers for packages which cannot be recycled or safely destroyed, of NIS 1 per small package, NIS 2 for a medium-sized package and NIS 3 for a large package. The bill would also require deposits on the recyclable packages. Poraz suggested a deposit of at least NIS 0.50 for a small package, NIS 1 for a medium package and NIS 1.5 for a big

Both bills were supported by the Environment and Health ministries and the Union of Local Authorities, but opposed by the Treasury, the Industry and Trade Ministry, the Manufacturers Association and the Federation of Israeli Chambers of Commerce.

Action may be taken against clinics recommending ulcer tests

JUDY SIEGEL

ADVERTISEMENTS by a chain of private clinics encouraging people to be tested for bacteria in the digestive tract to diagnose ulcers are misleading, according to the Israel Medical Association and the Israel Gastroenterology Society. The Health Ministry said it agrees, and is considering taking action against the chain.

A few weeks ago Helico Labs - which has 28 branches around the A new weeks ago mence has - which has 20 transcres around the country - started an advertising campaign arging people with the symptoms of ulcers to come for a "painless breathing test" to detect the presence of the bacteria. If these are found, the ads say, clinic staffers will recommend to the patient's doctor that antibiotics be prescribed to cure the condition. "Research has shown that until you get rid of Helicobacter pylori, you won't be rid of ulcers," the ads

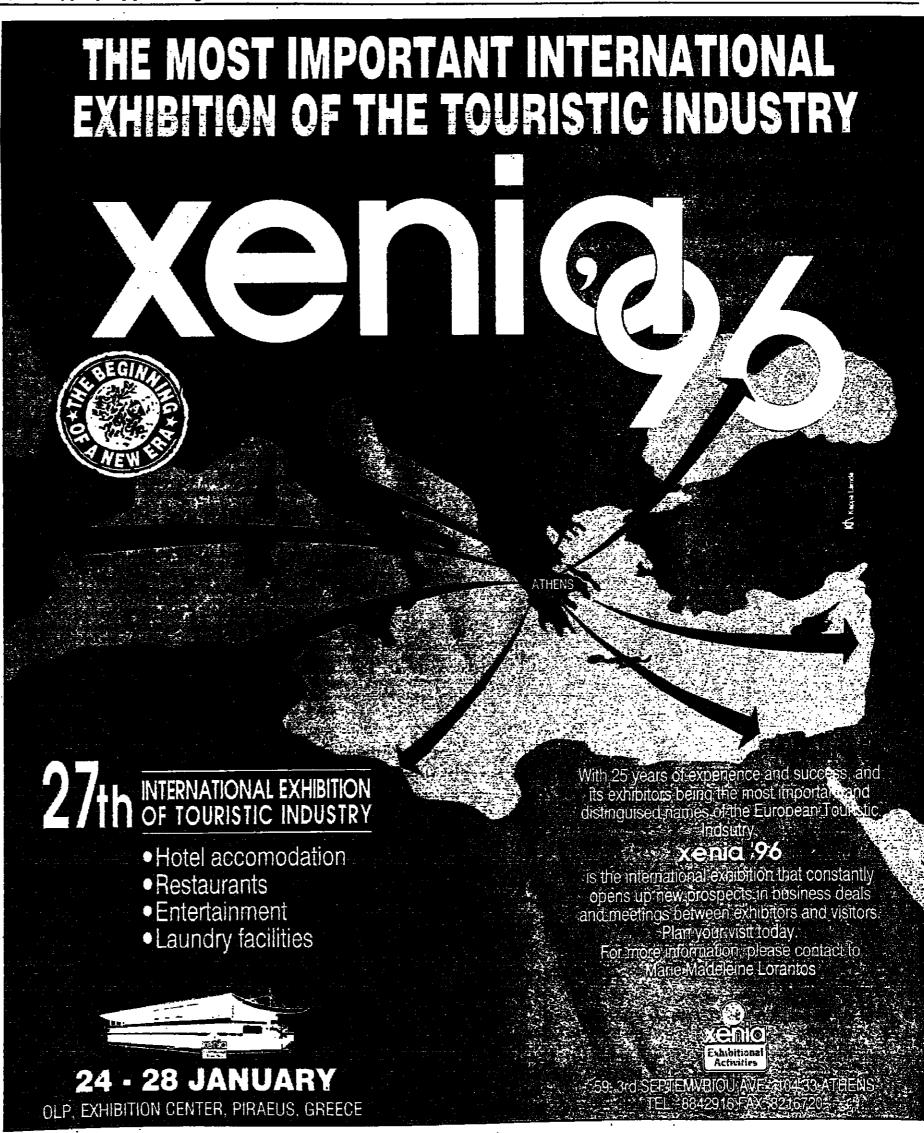
claim. "Come for a checkup to be healthy." Prof. Shmuel Eidelman, chairman of the Israel Medical Association's scientific committee, said yesterday on behalf of the IMA and the gastroenterolgy society that the ads may mislead the public. "These bacteria are found in the digestive systems of a large percentage of the healthy public," he said. "Whoever wants to be examined should go to his doctor and get advice."

Olmert out to prove Talpiot school is safe

JERUSALEM Mayor Ehud Olmert plans to move his bureau to the Mamlachti Bet school next week in an effort to persuade the parents of pupils there that the

building is safe. The parents have refused to send their children back to the school in the East Talpiot quarter

where extremely high concentrations of radon were found over the Hannkka holiday. Experts from the Environment Ministry and the municipality are now convinced it is safe for the children to return to the school's non-ground-floor classrooms.





A Parisian woman weeps yesterday after laying a floral tribute outside the private offices of Francois Mitterrand, who

CHECHEN fighters and Russian troops fought fierce street battles yesterday after rebels seized about 1,000 hostages in a hospital in southern Russia. At least 16 people were killed in the

The rebels yesterday demanded a withdrawal of Russian troops from Chechnya and an end to the 13-month war in the breakaway republic. They say they will shoot the hostages if their demands are not met. Officials said they had killed two captives to press their demands.

Itar-Tass news agency quoted interior ministry officials in the town of Kizlyar as saying gunmen using women as human shields were firing machine guns from the upper floor of a hospital where they had rounded up their

The rebel group, calling itself "Lone Wolf", had killed two families when they refused to leave their homes.

"The wolves have come to you. Withdraw troops from Chechnya or civilians will be shot," rebel leader Salman Raduyev told Russian army officers by radio.

The rebel attack on Kizlyar was similar to an incident in the city of Budyonnovsk in June when Chechen fighters seized more than 1,000 hostages to demand an end to the war in Chechnya. More than 100 people died in that confrontation.

The new attack dealt a bitter blow to President Boris Yeltsin only six months before presi-

Yeltsin, already facing an upsurge of clashes

MOSCOW

in Chechnya 13 months after sending troops to try to end the region's bid for independence, lashed out at ministers and security officials for

allowing the raid. Referring to a rebel raid on the town of

told ministers at an extraordinary meeting called in Moscow to discuss the raid.

mediate end to the crisis, but no details of Moscow's plans were released.

away Chechnya, said a dozen civilians, policemen and fighters had been killed as the rebels herded their hostages into the hospital compound in Kizlyar in the autonomous republic of

available and there were no phone links from Moscow to the town of some 40,000 people, almost 2,000 km south-east of the Russian capital and about 100 km north-east of the Chechen capital Grozny.

Russia raced troops to the area and stepped up security in the Cancasus area. Interfax news agency said some 4,000 soldiers had been brought in to Kizlyar to fight the rebel band. The agency said there were up to 600 Chechen

On that occasion scores of soldiers, civilians and fighters were killed, but the rebels left the town in a triumphant convoy of cars and buses after negotiating the start of peace talks with Russian Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin. But with a presidential election due in June,

Chechen resistance. "I expect a storming of the building in Kizlyar and a military crackdown in Chechnya," said Dmitry Trenin, a military expert at the

"We may see troop reinforcements sent to Chechnya, aerial bombardment of rebel positions in the Chechen mountains and more action in the lowlands."

Russia sent troops into Chechnya in December 1994 to try to crush a three-year-old independence bid, and thousands of people died in the first six months of fighting before a shaky peace deal. Fighting has intensified in the last six weeks.

But rebel leader Dzhokhar Dudayev has frequently threatened to take his struggle to the Russian heartland. Many of his Moslem fighters, convinced they were fighting a holy war against the Russian infidel, have said they are not afraid to die.

in the town in 1992.

France mourns Mitterrand with red-rose tributes

CROWDS of citizens laid red roses in memory of former Socialist president Francois Mitterrand yesterday as tributes flooded in from home and abroad to the champion of European unity who ruled France for 14 years.

Thousands of Parisians made a lgrimage to the building near the Eiffel Tower where France's longest-serving president died on Monday after a long battle with cancer. Mourners queued in the rain to add to a pile of red roses, the Socialist symbol, and floral wreaths in the street.

Flags flew at half mast in Jarnac, the southwestern village where Mitterrand was born on 26 October 1916, son of a country station master. He will be buried there tomorrow in a simple funeral with only family and close friends.

France will observe a day of national mourning that day, with a memorial mass in Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris for French and foreign dignitaries including Mitterrand's main partner in building the European Union, German Chancellor Heimut Kohl.

Among world leaders who praised one of post-war Europe's ALISTER DOYLE

leading statesmen were President Bill Clinton and Cuban President Fidel Castro, one of the last guests Mitterrand received before leaving office last May.

The entire world benefited from his strong and principled leadership," Clinton said, calling him a "man of vision". Castro called him "a statesman of world standing...a dear friend". Mitterrand abolished the guillo-

tine in 1981, worked tirelessly to bring Europe together and aligned France with its Western allies in the Gulf War. His Gaullist successor, Jacques Chirac, reflected a national mood

of respect tinged with affection in a television address. French media lavished almost unanimous praise on the former president, setting aside criticisms

hate since he first became a cabinet minister in 1947. The conservative daily Le Figaro hailed Mitterrand "an artist

of politics". Many commentators

of a man who stirred both love and

said he would be remembered as the most influential French politician since Charles de Gaulle, the Resistance leader who became

president from 1959 to 1969. European Commission chief Jacques Santer, Italian President Oscar Luigi Scalfaro, Belgian Prime Minister Jean Luc Dehaene and Prime Minister Shimon Peres were among leaders who confirmed they would attend the me-

morial service in Paris. Others likely to attend included UN Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali and British Prime Minister John Major. White House officials said Clinton might attend but it was more likely that Vice-President Al Gore would represent him.

Serge July, publisher of the left-leaning daily Liberation, recalled the words of the emperor Napoleon in exile after his defeat at the 1815 Battle of Waterloo, saying There is no French person I have not moved."

"All the French people will have been moved by De Gaulle. They will also have been moved by Francois Mitterrand."

(Reuter)

Chechen rebels take 1,000 hostages

Budennovsk last June, he said nothing had been learnt from earlier events. "The border troops have been sleeping," he

He demanded "resolute action" and an im-

Early reports from the area, north of break-

No independent account of the events was

The raid was similar to the rebel attack in the

Russian town of Budennovsk last June.

Russian authorities may be less ready to negotiate and more ready to try to try to crush

Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.

Like many other towns in the volatile northem Caucasus, Kiziyar is home to dozens of peoples - 32 different nationalities were listed

Corsica rocked by multiple bombings

ic research agency in Ajaccio, a post office in southern Corsica, a

port authority in northern Corsi-

The clandestine group Resis-

AJACCIO, Corsica (AP) -Bombs planted by Corsican nationalists exploded at more than a dozen businesses and government offices around this French Mediterranean island overnight, authorities said vesterday.

No one was injured in the bombings, which began overnight and continued into yesterday morning. More than three dozen bombs were planted, but not all went off, authorities said. Targets included a government

tax office and a national econom-

claimed responsibility for the attacks. Corsican militants who have claimed other recent attacks are demanding tax breaks and

mainly banks.

greater autonomy from France. Since November, the "Historic Wing" of the Front for the National Liberation of Corsica has claimed more than two dozen attacks that have caused an estimated \$40 million in damage. French Interior Minister Jean-

ca and businesses around the French Mediterranean island, Louis Debre confirmed yesterday he would head to Corsica soon, France Inter radio reported. Corsicans have come to call the tenza said in communique that it

overnight bombings "blue nights," for the blue flashes that accompany the bombs' explosions.

The bomb at the port authority heavily damaged that building, but other damage was called light

One killed as RPG hits Sarajevo streetcar

SARAJEVO - A rocket-propelled grenade slammed into a Sarajevo streetcar yesterday, punching a gaping hole in its roof and killing a man.

The attack occurred shortly before 6 p.m. as the tram was traveling on the city's main boulevard. It was the most serious incident since the Oct. 12 cease fire that led to the Bosinian peace agreement signed Dec. 14 in Paris.

The grenade left a 30-cm gap in the roof of the street car. Reporters arriving on the scene shortly afterward saw a blanket covering

the man, lying in a pool of blood. There was no indication where the attack came from. But the street, known as Sniper Alley because of the dozens of deaths caused by snipers during the more than 3 1/2 year war, lies in the government-held section of the Bosnian capital, with Serb-held

sectors to its south. The White House announced yesterday that President Clinton will travel to Bosnia this weekend to visit US peacekeeping troops.

Presidential spokesman Mike McCurry said today Clinton will depart for the region from Nashville. He was scheduled to be in Tennessee on Friday to attend a campaign fund-raiser and address

factory workers. Citing security concerns, McCurry provided no other The president planned to be in

New York tomorrow, before flying to Tennessee, but aides said the trip might be canceled due to the East Coast snowstorm. In Geneva the International

Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) said yesterday that the Bosnian government army was blocking the release next week of the last 900 prisoners of the war.

In a news release, the ICRC said Bosnian Serb and Croat officers had accepted an ICRC "plan of operation" for the release at a meeting in Sarajevo but the Bosnian army representative "put for-ward conditions to be fulfilled prior to his signature".

Under the Dayton peace accord

secretary.

all prisoners held by the three warring sides must be released by next Friday. Under the ICRC's own timetable, the releases are scheduled for next Monday and Tuesday

Ursula Eugster, ICRC desk officer for former Yugoslavia, declined to say what conditions had been laid down by the Bosnian army, but pointed out that the Dayton accord had set a deadline of January 8 for the "plan of operation" to be presented and accepted.

"There is a calendar to be respected," Engster said. "There is still time and negotiations are going on."

Serb soldiers around Saraievo lit fires yesterday in an apparent move to destroy positions they are due to vacate soon under the

Loud explosions could be heard amid flames and smoke tising above separatist Serb frontlines some four km north of the city center. Smoke could also be seen rising from the south. (Agencies)

Russia's spy master named as new foreign minister

MOSCOW - President Boris Yeltsin yesterday named Yevgeny Primakov, head of Russia's foreign intelligence service, as new foreign minister, the presi-

dential press service said. Primakov replaces Andrei Kozyrev, who resigned last week.

Primakov is a specialist in Mideast affairs and Islamic fundamentalism, and one of Yeltsin's longest serving senior officials. A political scientist, he played a major role in Moscow's efforts to prevent the Gulf War by negotiating with Iraq's Saddam

Hussein. He was appointed by then Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev to head the foreign intelligence ser-

vice when the KGB secret police

was split up into several branches after a failed coup against Gorbachev in 1991. Kozyrev resigned as foreign minister last week to accept a seat in the State Duma, the lower

house of parliament. Yeltsin's office said then that the minister's departure would have no effect on foreign policy.

The Western-oriented Kozyrev had long been a target of hardliners and the appointment of Primakov appeared to be a signal the Kremlin no longer considers its old Cold War foes to be the main threat to Russia's security. (Agencies)

German spy-swap lawyer convicted of extortion

BERLIN (Reuter) - Wolfgang Vogel, the East Berlin lawyer who gained fame by engineering Cold War spy swaps, was convicted by a German court yesterday of extorting money from East German emigrants eager to flee to the West.

Vogel, a close confidant of for-mer East German leader Erich Honecker and one of the Soviet bloc's rare millionares, was found guilty of perjury, four counts of blackmail and five counts of falsifying documents.

The Berlin court gave him the two-year suspended sentence and a 92,000 mark (NIS 190,000) fine. Prosecutors had pressed for a 31/2year jail sentence and a 300,000 mark (NIS 645,000) penalty.

Vogel, 70, who got his start arranging the 1962 exchange of US pilot Gary Powers for Soviet spy Rudolf Abel, insisted his only crime was trying to belp unite peo-ple separated by the Cold War division of Germany. "The court said that I helped

people – what more can I say?" Vogel said after Judge Heinz Holzinger spent 90 minutes reading the verdict to a packed court. "An extortionist cannot help

people," Vogel said, trying to look upbeat despite the conviction. "If I

lease of Natan Sharansky (then Anatoly Shcharansky) in exchange for captured communist spies. Wolfgang Ziegler, his chief defense attorney, criticized the ruling

and said Vogel would now considет ал арреаі. Yesterday's ruling was a rare victory for prosecutors trying to use unified Germany's courts to

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A flashy dresser whose golden

Mercedes was a regular sight at

Cold War spy swaps, he also spent six years negotiating the 1986 re-

exactly the same thing.

brokers to justice. Vogel's numerous friends in the west, mostly Bonn officials who worked with him during the Cold War, attacked the verdict as an example of "victor's justice".

"Voget was certainly no Flor-ence Nightingale of the Cold War and we should not make a hero out of him," said Klaus Boeiling, Bonn's representative in East Ber-

mired on both sides of the Iron

Curtain as a master deal-maker.

bring former communist power-

in during the 1980s. Before the collapse of Erich as a strictly secular republic. Honecker's iron regime, Vogel was his personal aide for "humanitarian issues" and was widely ad-

Turkey's Islamic activists bid to take power

ANKARA (Reuter) - Turkey's Islamist leader Necmettin Erbakan yesterday got the chance to form a government after inconclusive general elections last month but secular opponents have vowed to block his path to power.

"The president has given us the task of forming a government. We will try to complete it in the shortest time possible," he told reporters at the presidential palace after President Suleyman Demirel appointed him premier-designate.

Erbakan's Welfare Party (RP), with 158 seats in the 550-member parliament, is well short of an

absolute majority and may struggle to find coalition partners from among the secularist parties. Welfare won the most seats at the December 24 elections in the first victory by an Islamist party at general polls in modern Turkey's 72-year history

Any new government will be faced with annual inflation of around 80 percent, widening deficits and violence by Kurdish and leftist militants. The Revolutionary People's Liberation Party/Front (DHKP/C) leftist urban guerrilla

group claimed responsibility for the murder of Ozdemir Sabanci, head of Toyotasa car company which is a joint venture with Japan's Toyota, Haluk Gorgun, the firm's general manager and a

Gunmen breached tight security to carry out the attack at the company's offices in the glass-fronted twin towers of Sabanci Centre in a fashionable district of Istanbul. Turkey has been almost rudderless since care-

taker Prime Minister Tansu Ciller's left-right coalition collapsed last September. An influential business leader blamed the country's lack of leadership for the daring killing of two leading industrialists by left-wing guerrillas in Istanbul yesterday.

"We warn the politicians that the political vacuum in Turkey provokes such kinds of attacks," said Refik Baydur, head of the Turkish Union of Employers.

Volatile financial markets - spooked first by the Welfare victory, then by continued uncertainty had closed before the Erbakan announcement.

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UK to save jobs PA vote said safe from Hamas attack by deporting PALESTINIANS agree that the assassination of leading Ayyash will affect the January 20 elections for the chairman of and local representatives to the Pales thinkan Authority council. They do think authority council. They do the said the PA and Hamas had sampler of agreements. LAMIA LAHOUD He said Hamas understands the PA was not involved and that the timing of the assassination could have been aimed at dayyash as a martyr and prayed for him were electioneering and meant to reassure Hamas that the stroying the PA-Hamas agreement. He does not think PA-Ha hold elections at all." Hanan Ashrawi, who is recommended a with the timing of the assassination could have been aimed at destroying the PA-Hamas that the stroying the PA-Hamas agreement. He does not think PA-Ha hold elections at all." Hanan Ashrawi, who is recommended to blame. It was their own security breach, and they know it, "the PA was not involved and that the timing of the assassination could have been aimed at destroying the PA-Hamas that the stroying the PA-Hamas agreement. He does not think PA-Ha hold elections at all." Hanan Ashrawi, who is recommended to blame. It was their own security breach, and they know it, "the PA was not involved and that the timing of the assassination could have been aimed at destroying the PA-Hamas that the stroying the PA-Hamas agreement. He does not think PA-Ha hold elections at all." Hanan Ashrawi, who is recommended in the kill in present the leader stat. The said than a understands the PA was not involved and that the timing of the assassination could have been aimed at destroying the PA-Hamas that the throwing the PA-Hamas that the timing of the assassination could have been aimed at destroying the PA-Hamas that the throwing the PA-Hamas that the throwing

THE Saudi Arabian government acted swiftly over the weekend to distance itself from the row over Britain's proposed deportation of a leading Saudi dissident in a move that typified the regime's obsession with secrecy and security.

Saudi Defense Minister Prince Sultan said Mohammed Masari, whom Britain has decided to deport to protect its trade relations with the kingdom, no longer deserved Saudi citizenship.

Saudi citizenship is abolished when one shuns his religion, beliefs and country," Prince Sultan said when questioned by report-

Even though maintaining good relations with Saudi Arabia has for years been near the top of the UK's list of diplomatic priorities, both countries prefer to conduct their business away from the glare of publicity.

So when Sheikh Nayef ibn Abdul Aziz, the Saudi interior minister, claimed the decision to expel Masari was entirely a British affair, he was merely follow-

ing a long tradition of discretion. From the moment 18 months ago when Dr. Masari escaped from a Saudi prison - where he had been held for criticizing the corruption of the Saudi royal family - the Saudi government has been working overtime to persuade London to take effective action to silence him.

To this end, the Saudi authorities used the carrot of a multibillion pound defense contract.

Sir Archie Hamilton, a former British Armed Forces minister, said the decision to deport Masari had been made to help secure a new tank deal for Vickers, the northeastern arms manufacturer.

"The [UK] government has to take a balance when there are a very large number of jobs in the northeast involved and a significantly large tank contract against the position of someone who wants to make trouble against the Saudi government in London Hamilton told the BBC

THE ROW over Masari was further complicated by the revel tion that Andrews Green, Britain's newly appointed ambassador to Saudi Arabia, is a non-executive director at Vickers, the defense company which is currently bidding for a huge tank contract with Riyadh to supplement the so-called al-Yamamah deal signed by prime minister Margaret Thatcher in the mid-1980s.

The company last week admitted it had warned the government in recent months that Masari posed a threat to trade with Saudi Arabía. Vickers, together with other British firms, are negotiating aeronautical and defense sales worth around £3 billion (NIS 14.4b.).

The government, of course, is not out of the woods. Masari has made it clear he intends to appeal against the deportation order, and if he succeeds the proposed defense contracts may again be in

jeopardy.
That Masari should decide to seek refuge in London was no surprise. In the past few years the capital has become the international rendezvous place for leading Islamic malcontents.

Britain provides a safe haven for Algerians who plant bombs on the Paris Metro, Palestinians who train suicide-bombers, Egyptians and Tanisians who plot the overthrow of their governments, together with a kaleidoscopic array of Islamic militants who want to change the

Compared with these, Masari appears like a paragon of moderation.

Unlike many radical Islamic magazines published in London, some of which openly advocate terrorism, antisemitism and the destruction of the West, the weekly newsletter published by Masari and his associates campaigns on issues such as allowing Saudi women the right to drive their own cars.

The main thrust of his campaign is to advocate the introduction of wider democracy in Saudi Arabia, a measure King Fahd promised to introduce during the Gulf war.

He is also, on occasion, highly critical of the corruption that is endemic within the higher echelons of the Sandi royal family. It is the latter issue that has provoked Sandi ire.

There are, of course, suspicions that there is more to Masari than meets the eye. That, were he to succeed in his campaign to hecome a key policy-maker with-in the Saudi regime, he would take a radical Islamic path. . But this is not the reason the British government decided to n to the Ca

fered him a safe haven. Ever since Thatcher signed the £20b. (NIS 96b.) deal to sell Tornado jet-fighters to Saudi Arabia in the mid-1980s, Britain has bent over backwards to keep the Sau-

land of Dominica which has of-

When Saddam Hussein invaded Kuwait in August 1990 and threatened to overrun the Saudi oil fields, Thatcher not only pledged immediate British support but persuaded a hesitant President George Bush to stand (Sunday Telegraph)

the bloody, four-year-old

Zeroual, chairing the first cabi-

net meeting being held under new Prime Minister Ahmed

Ouvahia since his appointment a

week ago, gave no timetable for

African country after the authori-

ties in January 1992 scrapped Al-

geria's first multiparty general election since independence from

France. Fundamentalists had tak-

en a massive lead in the first

A presidential statement

quoted Zeroual as saying: "Our

people have to choose their rep-

resentatives in the legislature and

at the local level. These objec-

tives are irrevocable impera-

(News agencies)

round of the ballot.

Violence erupted in the North

Moroccan court tries Algerian gunrunners

conflict.

elections.

Moroccan military court trying 13 men suspected of trafficking arms to Moslem rebels in neighboring Algeria resumed its hearing this week, and the prosecutor demanded up to 15 years in jail for eight of them.

The accused include four

Algerians.
"The prosecutor demanded between 10- and 15-year prison terms for eight members of the group including the Algerians," a court spokesman said.

The group was arrested last October in Morocco. It was charged with illegal possession of firearms, explosives and participation in arms trafficking to the Algerian Islamic Salvation Army

(AĬS). In Algeria, troops killed 12 Moslem terrorists in a siege in the southern town of Laghouat, and 24 other rebels in four days of operations across Algeria, offi-

cial reports said. Algerian state-run radio said security forces had been laying siege to an area of Laghonat, 320 km south of the capital Algiers, since last week and had killed 12

Firemen and doctors were rebels. tending to "citizens harmed in this operation," the radio added without elaborating. "In order to prevent the criminal gang from escaping, the operation is carried out in very tight conditions," the

Laghouzt is used as a transit radio said. town by militants heading to northeastern provinces.

ALGERIAN PRESIDENT Liamine Zeroual meanwhile told his new government to step up prep arations for parliamentary and local elections, seen by the au-thorities as a way of helping end

Some senior Fatah activists,

who spoke on condition of anonymity, believe the slaying relieved Hamas's political leader-ship of a burden they shared with the Palestinian Authority, bringing Hamas and the PA closer. Known Hamas personalities,

like leader Mahmoud Zahar, have asked the PA to return their weapons so they can protect themselves against Israeli attacks, but Zahar did not accuse the PA of complicity in the Ayyash assassination. He repeated his opposition to inter-Palestinian violence, a Fatah leader

The Fatah source said independent candidates who used to be associated with Hamas, like Imad

in their meeting in Cairo about a month ago. Although Hamas refused to participate in the elections, its political leaders agreed not to obstruct them.

Hamas had also agreed to refrain from attacks against Israel, at least temporarily, he said. Ayyash was a problem because he might have acted unilaterally in violation of that

Hebron Mayor Mustafa Natshe said he did not know what kind of agreement had been worked out between the PA and Hamas on violence against Israel, but he said there was an understanding to halt attacks. He noted that Israel allowed Hamas leaders to travel and attend the

ment. He does not think PA-Hamas relations will suffer much, but he admitted no one knows how some Hamas elements might

will have a negative effect on the elections and counter-measures taken by Israel could force the PA to postpone the poll, the Fa-tah leader said. He said the political leadership

ANY ATTACK against Israel

of Hamas would call for restrain to avoid interfering with the elections, but militant elements could act on their own.

He said the fact that Hamas leaders received Arafat on Sunday night at the mosque in Gaza and accepted his condolences for Ayyash showed that they did not want to jeopardize their agree-

ing, he said.

Ayyash was indeed a problem for Arafat and the PA, but his killing so near the election was at an inopportune time, the Fatah leader said. PA officials do not believe that

Israeli-PA relations will suffer as a result of the killing. The Fatah leaders say Israeli leaders understand that Arafat's statements in Dura were electioneering.

But the closure, they believe, may have a negative effect on the popularity of the Fatah list.

"People will blame the PA for not protecting them from these punitive measures," the Fatah source said. "If there are any terror attacks, Israeli countermeasures could incite the population against the PA, and security measures could make it impossible to

Hanan Ashrawi, who is running as an independent candidate in Jerusalem, said the assassination of Ayyash had created a climate making it difficult to hold free and democratic elections.

She said it would turn people against the PA as they question the PA's ability to protect them.

"The villages around Jerusalem which are part of the electoral districts are closed off from the city, that makes the campaign difficult," she said, adding that a permanent end to the closure in Jerusalem was part of her elec-

tion platform. The strikes called for by Hamas following the killing of Ayyash have also affected the election campaign, most Palestin-

ians agree.

The already short campaign period has been whittled down, since most Palestinian candidates did not want to campaign during

the mourning period for fear of offending Hamas, one Fatah Lebanese



King Hussein and US Defense Secretary William Perryannounce at a press conference in Amman on Monday that the US will supply Jordan with arms including 16 F-16 fighters.

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HE apparently seamless transition of power in Saudi Arabia has been greeted with relief in Washington, where the stability of one of its most important economic and strategic allies is a matter of concern.

Every signal from the kingdom indicates that all important figures in the roling family have assented to the January 1 transfer of royal authority from the incapacitated King Fahd to his halfbrother, Crown Prince Abdullah, who now governs as regent.

Orderly as it appears to have been, however, the transition did little to address the issues that continue to stir anxiety in the US about the kingdom's future: Islamic extremism, a financial squeeze, a fast-growing population, allegations of corruption in high places and uncertainty about

future royal successions. Those concerns were exacerbated when a car bomb went off outside a US military office in Riyadh in November, killing five Americans. Then Fahd, a longtime friend of the US, suffered a stroke in early December. But the car-bomb attack has not been repeated, and now the accession of Abdullah has turned down the

anxiety meter. While Fahd's departure is officially temporary, to give him time to recuperate from a stroke that left him unable to travel or perform public duties, most US government officials, say independent analysts, assume that the transition is permanent. As long as Fahd is alive, gov-

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ernment and independent analysts said, Abdullah is unlikely to make any major decisions without the king's approval, but in any case there is no indication that Abdullah plans important changes in the kingdom's domestic or foreign polices.

> THE DIFFERENCES are more likely to be stylistic, analysts said. Fahd, 74, was for years a renowned playboy who frequented Mediterranean watering holes and developed a taste for huxury. Abdullah, 72, has a reputation as a pious ascetic, more in tune with tradition-minded Beduin.

But both are sons of King Abdul Aziz ibn Saud, the unifier of modern Saudi Arabia, are longtime partners in running the country and are dedicated to preserving the family's rule and the Saudi system of governance they have practiced all their adult lives, analysts and government officials said.

Abdullah is not king and does not have a free hand, specialists said. But he may well be better positioned than Fahd to ensure because he is apparently less controops in Saudi Arabia. troversial within the kingdom.

He is less vulnerable than Fahd to the charges of corruption and profligacy that have provided ammunition to the Islamic hard- alarm bells here and shock waves liners who constitute the kingdom's most difficult domestic problem, analysts said. And be-

cause he initially opposed the deployment of US and other foreign troops within the kingdom during

against Iraq, analysts said, Abdullah may be less subject to charges of having polluted the birthplace of Islam by opening its doors to infidels. hands." Washington's interest in the

Sandi succession is a reflection of the US stake in Saudi Arabia. The kingdom has the world's most extensive oil reserves and is the world's leading oil exporter. Saudi Arabia has worked

the buildup to the 1991 war

closely with Washington on regional issues since World War II, and on economic issues for 20 vears. The US is Saudi Arabia's chief supplier of military equipment and training.

Saudi Arabia is the base in the Gulf region for US military operations that supports a major component of US foreign policy: keeping Iran and Iraq bottled up. After his initial opposition to a

US presence, Abdullah told US officials he was grateful for their country's role in driving Iraqi troops out of Kuwait in 1991. The perpetuation of the family's rule US now has an estimated 5,000

> FOR ALL those reasons, any signs of power struggle or insta-bility in Saudi Arabia set off on Wall Street. In the transition

from Fahd to Abdullah, there were no such signs.

"This orderly transition speaks well of the kingdom and of the royal family," said former US ambassador Charles Freeman.

State Department deputy spokesman Glyn Davies gave the official view: "In terms of the kingdom and its governance, we think it's in good and stable

"I have no problems and no concerns whatsoever about Abdullah," another State Department official said. "We have had complete cooperation with him for years," in his capacity as first deputy prime minister and commander of the National Guard.

As for the view expressed by some analysts that Abdullah is less willing than Fahd to accept Arab peace with Israel, the State Department official said, "That's old-fashioned. It may have been true in the 1970s, but the situation has changed completely.' Another US official who moni-

tors Saudi Arabia agreed that Abdullah will accept peace with Israel if Syria reaches a peace agreement with Jerusalem.

You won't see Saudi Arabia standing alone as a frontline state if Syria goes along," he said. Any changes in Saudi foreign

policy under Abdullah would come extremely slowly, US officials said, noting that he would first have to win a consensus among members of the ruling family. (The Washington Post)

PEACEMAKERS. PEACEMAKING?

hope US will lift travel ban

PRESIDENT Elias Hrawi said this week he expected the US soon to lift a nineyear ban on Americans traveling to Lebanon.

'We are pretty sure that the US will lift the ban soon and air traffic is expected to resume again between our two countries," Hrawi said.

He was speaking to Beirutbased foreign diplomats at a New Year reception at the Presiden-

Washington imposed the travel ban in 1987 following a wave of hostage taking and aircraft hijackings that turned Lebanon into a terrorist haven during its 1975-1990 civil war.

Hrawi said Lebanon would not be a hindrance to the US-sponsored Middle East peace process after the recent resumption of the stalled negotiations between Syria and Israel.

"We are today on our way toward an honorable peace," he said. "We want to put an end to the Israeli occupation of two beloved Lebanese regions: the south and the western Bekaa, in order to recover our right, our

ang ang our sovere Hrawi indicated last month that the government would deploy units of its 50,000-strong army in the south, the last active Arab-Israeli war front, to stop terrorist attacks if Israel withdraws under a peace accord.

Progress in Syrian-Israeli peace talks is virtually certain to lead to a revival of the Lebanese-Israeli negotiations, which have been stalled for 18 months.

Syria is Lebanon's main power broker. It maintains 40,000 soldiers in Lebanon ostensibly to prevent a resumption of the civil war, which killed more than 150,000 people and caused damage worth \$25 billion.

LEBANON MOURNED former French president François Mitterrand this week as a great world leader who tirelessly defended Lebanese independence.

"France and the world lose with president Francois Mitterrand's death one of the most outstanding personalities who left his imprint on the 20th century,' Foreign Minister Faris Bouez told reporters.

"Lebanon has lost with his death a big personality who un-derstood the Orient and the Lebanese crisis in all its facets," Bouez said.

Lebanon gained independence from France in 1943. French officials have repeatedly demanded the full restoration of its sovereignty and independence and the departure of Syria's 40,000 troops based in the country. (News agencies)

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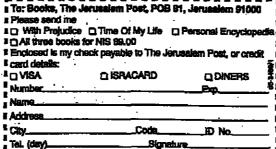
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Turkey's startling new image

ARELY has the outside world's view of a nation changed more abruptly than in the case of Turkey. Western states have long looked on Turkey as outstanding proof that a Moslem country can indeed embrace democracy while retaining pride in its Islamic heritage and the free practice of its people's religion. It has always stood as the ultimate answer to those who argued that the religious laws of Islam and the secular values of a pluralistic society are fundamentally incompatible. But the sudden rise of the Islamic Welfare Party (RP) to the edge of power in elections two weeks ago has changed all that.

As the painful efforts to remake the Middle East have been forging ahead, the world has been startled to discover that the solid bridge between the West and the Moslem world -Turkey - may have started to creak. Turkey's future as a secular democracy, perhaps even as the first Moslem member of the European Union, has begun to look decidedly shaky. The change appears all the more startling because it has meant the departure of the remarkable Tansu Ciller as premier. Her election had appeared to be the crowning proof that Turkey had completed its long journey from the reforms of Kemal Ataturk to the brink of a new century as a modernist, free market democracy.

Then suddenly the RP burst on the scene with an election manifesto that could have been drawn up in Syria or Iraq. Its leader Necmettin Erbakan called for an Islamic United Nations, an Islamic NATO and an Islamic rival to the European Union. Erbakan pledged to abolish interest in financial dealings and to improve ties with Teheran and Baghdad. Israelis, recently charmed by the sophisticated Ciller, woke up to hear of Erbakan ranting like some Hamas minion against "world imperialism, Zionism, Israel

and their champagne-drinking collaborators."

It would have meant little if the RP remained on the margins of power. All democracies take a certain perverse delight in nurturing fringe parties - they add the spice of color and controversy to the gray wastelands of big-party consensus. But yesterday, Turkish President Suleyman Demirel tasked Erbakan with forming a new government. The general elections may have been inconclusive, but the RP nonetheless won 158 seats in the 550-member parliament, putting at least power-by-coalition within its grasp.

Erbakan has toned down his rhetoric since the election to an extent that almost amounts to a U-turn. In many ways this is more unsettling than if he had remained consistent. Israelis in particular are heartily sick of counterfeit Middle Eastern democrats who say one thing and practice the opposite. Neither will Europeans be impressed by Erbakan's sudden switch from advocating "Islamic NATO and EU" to a pledge to honor old alliances and forge ahead with a European customs union. They may be forgiven for wondering if the ancient Trojan Horse is being reincarnated for re-export back

For Israel, any drift to the fundamentalist camp in Turkey is going to be very serious indeed. Israel has had great faith in the "Turkish model" for the future Middle East and has invested huge diplomatic efforts in helping the concept spread to the southern republics of the former Soviet Union. While the world adopts a 'wait and see" attitude to what happens next, one thing is clear - Israel's relations with the European Union are becoming of paramount importance. In a boiling sea of resurgent Islam, Israel and the Europeans are going to find themselves in the same boat more quickly than they may yet apprehend.

The Primakov appointment

T is probably safe to assume that replacing Andrei Kozyrev with Yevgeny Primakov as Russia's minister for foreign affairs will not drastically change Moscow's foreign policies; at least not immediately. With the notable exception of Shimon Peres, who as foreign minister had greater impact on Israel's course than anyone else in government, foreign ministers do not usually play a decisive role in shaping policies. And under Boris Yeltsin's quasi-authoritarian government this may be truer than elsewhere.

But Yeltsin's choice undoubtedly reflects on Russia's direction. That the Western-oriented Kozyrev has been replaced by a former KGB operative who is now head of Russia's intelligence services and the country's most prominent expert on the Middle East indicates a change in emphasis if not yet in orientation.

To say that Russia's standing in the Middle East is not what it used to be, and that the Arab dictatorships have lost their Soviet umbrella is to state the obvious. Mostly, the change is a function of the Soviet Union's economic collapse. Now dependent on Western help in its effort to become competitive on the world market. Moscow cannot afford to antagonize the West with hostile feints in this region, nor can it arm backward dictatorial regimes like Syria on credit. Even more important, the collapse of totalitarianism and the new government's need to heed popular sentiment has made costly and dangerous military adventures virtually un-

But the Russian economy has improved dramatically, its military industries have remained productive and innovative, and its vast arsenals

Sir, - The haste with which public

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Rabin must be a cause for concern.

The assassination of the prime min-

ister shocked and upset the majority

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religious lines. Even if an individual

did not share Rabin's dream of a

future Israel. he shared the sorrow

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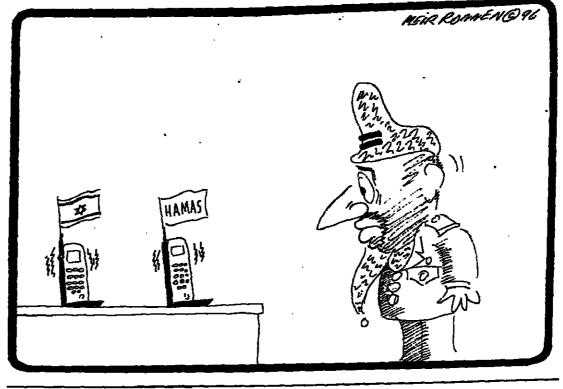
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of conventional and non-conventional weapons are intact. Nor has Moscow truly abandoned its involvement in the region. It openly supplies weapons and nuclear help to Iran, and has clandestine dealings with Iraq and Libya.

From Russia's viewpoint such involvement is eminently justified. Moscow is not unreasonably concerned by the continued successes of Islamic fundamentalism – of which the election results in Turkey are only the latest example and its effect on the Asian Moslem republics and the Moslem minorities in Russia. And it may also be worried about Washington's effort to establish a Pax Americana in the region, with almost no Russian participation.

In trying to expand Russian influence Primakov's experience, talent and skill will undoubtedly prove useful. Having first established connections in the Middle East as a journalist in the employ of the KGB, he developed working relationships with Arab leaders when the USSR was their patron, and with Israelis he met secretly after the Soviets severed diplomatic relations. That he represents Russia's concern about its standing in the Arab world rather than its Western orientation became obvious when he tried, against US interests, to forestall the Gulf War by negotiating with Saddam Hussein.

More than anything, his appointment signals Russia's attempt to return to the regional arena as a major power. It is an arena the Russians believe has undergone no fundamental transformation since the Czarist regimes tried to penetrate it, and which is still a "backyard" of vital importance to Moscow. The weapons may have changed, but the struggle between the big powers for spheres of influence is the same.



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Arafat's big mistake

ASSER Arafat could have saved Yiyhe Ayyash's life. Ayyash would be alive today in an Israeli jail, had the Palestinian Authority handed the arch-terrorist over to Israel, as required in the Oslo agreements. He would have stood trial here for his crimes committed in Israel, and would have faced life imprisonment, at most.

During a meeting with Arafat, Yitzhak Rabin asked that Ayyash be extradited, but Arafat refused. The PA preferred to keep Ayyash as an option for applying additional terrorist pressure, unidentified with the PLO, to squeeze more concessions out of Israel.

Arafat violated the agreement and is now accusing Israel of violating it by eliminating Ayyash. His supporters in Gaza and Israel even made the absurd claim that Israel infringed Palestinian sovereignty - which is non-existent.

The sovereignty issue has been left to the permanent-status negotiations. In the meantime, overall responsibility for security remains Israel's. The Palestinian police officers may call themselves generals, but not of any recognized army. As an unusual gesture, Israel allowed the PA to issue passports, but in the name of the PA only, not of the "State of Palestine." The same goes for postage

Evading responsibility, Arafat denied that Ayyash had found asyhum in the Gaza Strip. He tried to cover himself by telling Rabin a tall story, based on "Palestinian intelligence reports," that the terrorist acts attributed to Ayyash were actually the product of a conspiracy between Palestinian and Israeli extremists.

THOSE WHO eliminated Ayyash weren't after revenge for the dozMOSHE ZAK

ens of Israelis whose deaths he caused. No revenge can bring the victims back to life. The aim was to dismantle, or at least defuse, the time bomb ticking away in the Gaza Strip, and to remove a man who would set off more time bombs, booby-traps and murders. Arafat's refusal to extradite Ayyash left Israel with no choice but to act on its own initiative.

Self-rule isn't sovereignty

Arafat may care to remember the days when he launched terror from Jordanian, Syrian and Lebanese territory. Back then the IDF had no concern for the "inviolability of the cease-fire lines." It crossed those lines to attack the Palestinian terror organizations.

Israel then invoked paragraph 51 of the UN Charter in its selfdefense; it can now certainly claim the same right in an area that is not . under any recognized foreign sowereignty. In fact, it has more than the right: It is obliged to operate against terrorist bases in the territory it handed over to the PA, so long as the PA is unable or unwilling to do so.

Prime Minister Peres was right to grant Arafat's request that Ayyash's parents be allowed to travel from Samaria to Gaza for their son's funeral. But this humanitarian gesture must not be allowed to beget political gestures. On the contrary: We must guard against any spread of the mistaken estinian area. On this score, Arafat may have a surprise or two in store for us after the elections, or after the withdrawal from Hebron.

One possible scenario: In March, when Arafat is required to amend the clauses in the Palestinian Covenant calling for the destruction of Israel, he will play a trick. The Palestinian National Council will amend the anti-Israel clauses, as promised, while the PA announces that the Palestinian declaration of independence (passed in Algiers in 1988) applies to the territories under PA jurisdiction. In other words - a unilateral declaration of independence, without Israel being consulted.

At such a time Arafat will need the terrorist arm of Hamas to help him apply leverage to Israel, without his having to accept responsibility for its actions. Already this week Arafat has profited from Hamas's threats: In order to prevent terror attacks, Israel suspended the joint IDF-Palestinian patrols in Area B.

This has been Arafat's objective since Oslo 2. If the suspension of the joint patrols is permanent, Hamas will be able to take credit for extending exclusive Palestinian rule into additional areas:

Power struggles in Gaza cannot be allowed to camouflage the unwritten PLO-Hamas agreement on a temporary cease-fire until the PA gets all the territories.

Israel cannot agree to the mainwhich Ayyash was a leading representative. If the PA refuses to extradite those who have attacked Israel and its citizens, Israel will have to go and get them.

The writer, a veteran journalist, comments on current affairs.

Vision isn't all

ALOUPH HAREVEN

URING the country's first four decades, central government dominated local government activities. In the past few years this trend has been reversed; local government is now being accorded increasing authority.

This raises the question of the effectiveness of municipal management and development. And what kind of training do municipal leaders receive?

Oddly enough, there was no framework in Israel for training mayors in office. They were largely left to their own devices.

The change came in 1993, when the Meyerhoff Fund in Baltimore approached Sikkuy, the Association for the Advancement of Equal Opportunity, and pro-posed that a forum of mayors be

set up. Thus the the Lyn P. Meyerhoff 21st-Century Forum of Mayors was launched. To date, it includes 80 Jewish and Arab heads of local authorities.

The forum is currently managed by Sikkuy, the Joint Distribution Committee/Elka, and the Interior Ministry. Its chief purpose is to prompt new thinking among mayors toward the 21st century, and to discuss how visions can be implemented through effective municipal management, planning, and public leadership.

The forum meets four times a year, for two days on each occasion, in a mainly workshop setting. Guided by experts from different fields, the mayors are given an opportunity to discuss their work and auticipate problems. Vision is clearly necessary; but for implementation on the

Jewish and Arab mayors were in sore need of a forum to air their problems. Now they have one

ground, a nuts-and-bolts approach is vital

WHAT IS the most important issue facing mayors today? The mayors determined it was educa-

Here, the key questions are: What kind of profile will a school graduate in the 21st century have? And in what ways can mayors influence this profile?

Something that has emerged from these workshops is the mayors' deep concern about the difficulty of effecting change in education. It has become apparent that any effective change at the school level must involve a comprehensive, long-term process.

Jewish and Arab mayors have compared notes on experiences within their constituencies, and asked: How do we go about selecting our educational leaders. especially school principals?

Second in importance on the mayors' agenda is economic development, and here a major subject for exploration is the role mayors and municipalities can play in facilitating private enterprise.

Another problematic issue is the relationship between local and central government. This is often strained, owing to the limited government resources made available to local authorities, and the complex bureaucratic processes involved in getting local development plans approved.

So far, the mayors' forum has notched up success in three areas: It has induced mayors to introduce future-oriented thinking into their municipalities, and translate it into effective plan-

The forum has become a peer group in which Jewish and Arab mayors can discuss shared issues and explore mutual assistance. The workshops have, in effect, created an informal network of contacts between Jewish mayors and their Arab counterparts.

Lastly, the forum serves as a shining example of cooperation between an American Jewish philanthropic organization, local volunteer nonprofit organizations, and government and municipal authorities.

By the year 2001, forum members will have to ask themselves this question: To what extent has each mayor been successful in getting his municipal vision for the 21st century under way?

The writer is co-director of Sikkuy, the Association for the Advancement of Equal Opportunity.

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Their prisoners, our MiAs

ODAY, when Israel is to release 800 out of a scheduled 1.130 Palestinian prisoners, those alert to the plight of Israel's missing soldiers are in de-

In December 1993, when Yasser Arafat returned half of Zachary Baumel's dog tag to Yitzhak Rabin, he promised additional information on our MiAs. Rabin then said that any release of Palestinian security prisoners would depend on Arafat's providing such information.

Close Arafat advisor Dr Ahmed Tibi, reported in The Jerusalem Post, said: "The chairman regards [the return of the tag] as a humanitarian act of the first order, and we are doing everything possible to help with this painful

. problem. ' Later Rabin was emphatic: "There are approximately 9,000 Palestinians currently in prison.... Before any releases are discussed, we are still awaiting the PLO's answer on the MiAs."

In the Cairo Agreement, on May 4, 1994, Arafat assured Israel of his cooperation in locating and returning İsraeli MiAs. Despite Rabin's repeatedly

linking the release of Palestinian prisoners to receiving additional information on the MiA issue, his government went on to release prisoners without so much as mentioning linkage.

The public favors linkage, In an IMRA-sponsored poll on April 3-4, 1995, 69.1 percent of Israeli Jews favored linking prisoner release to getting further MiA information even if it would hurt the peace process; 13.7 percent favored releasing prisoners without the information, and 17.2 percent didn't know.

Yet the government has proved deaf to public concerns. It proved deaf to public concerns. It called "president." The growing hasn't reminded Arafat of his ob-

SHIMON Peres's stance on Baumel was different. He declared that Arafat had no additional information about the MiAs. Israelis rejected Peres's assertion. In an IMRA-sponsored poll on

May 4, 1994, the results were: 50.3 percent felt Arafat was lying and Peres knew it; 22 percent felt Arafat was lying and Petes naive-

has a name. It is words: It'll be okay'

ly believed him; 10.1 percent thought Arafat wasn't lying, 17.6

mism doesn't appear to shine on the MiA issue. Asked about additional information promised by Arafat, Peres replied: "The Americans didn't get everyone back in Vietnam. Maybe we won't get everyone back either."

Peres's casual acceptance of Arafat's violation characterizes the government's refusal to require that the PLO meet its documented obligations. Thus the violations mount: Illegal Hamas and PLO militias continue. The Palestinian "police" force is far larger than was agreed upon. Israel even tacitly accepts Arafat being

tions ranges from the PLO-appointed mufti of Jerusalem to daily illegal Orient House activities.

Israel was told that "Gaza-Jericho First" would test PLO reliability. Instead, it became a test of the scale of violations Israel and the US would ignore. The US Congress has instituted

surveillance of PLO compliance with its peace-agreement commitments as a condition of continued financial assistance. The State Department has issued reports which are blind to PLO violations, and our government has enthusiastically supported these unreliable reports.

AIPAC was thoroughly denounced by Israeli officials for its objective report on the PLO. Americans, Jews and others who tally the actual record are characterized as right-wing minority troublemakers, even traitors who should be ostracized.

Israelis shouldn't complain about Arafat's failure to provide information on the MiAs, but about their government's failure to insist that the Palestinian Authority meet its obligations; and about our leaders looking away while provisions which were intended to safeguard Israel are being sacrificed to the "peace pro-

Will it all work out? This is what Rabin said to the IDF's Staff and Command School in August 1992: "One of our pamful problems has a name. A given name and a surname. It is the combination of the two words yihye b'seder [it'll be okay]. This combination.... frequently heard in our daily life, is unbearable.... It is devouring us."

The writer heads IMRA (Independent Media Review &

DOUBLE STANDARD

Sir, - In your excellent editorial of December 20, "Songs and bullets." you describe the reaction of. Prime Minister Peres to the virulent cassette of Force 17 marketed by Israeli Arabs. Peres is quoted as saying: "There are those who sing and those who shoot. I concern myself with those who shoot," in response to the inciteful verses to murder all Zionists, overrun Haifa, Jerusalem et al. Yet when his fellow on Peres's statement. Jews call for civil disobedience to the actions of his minority govern-

ment, they are indicted for sedition

and barbers are arrested for allowing a free exchange of ideas in their

carefully considered and balanced.

For these reasons, it would have been better if such expression had

been initiated no sooner than one

year after Rabin's murder. This

would give time for many people to

offer their opinion as to the most

suitable way of commemorating Ra-

bin rather than rush to rename

countless places which in many

cases are totally unsuitable. The de-

lay would also remove the not un-

founded criticism that most mani-

festations of remembrance of the

prime minister are political actions.

EDGAR ASHER

This discriminatory attitude in the treatments of Israeli Arabs and Israeli Jews is the height of racism. I am surprised that the attorneys for the 30 or so young men from Kiryat Arba, languishing in Israeli jails. have not petitioned the courts for their immediate release, based only

DAVID MEDVED Jerusalem.

THE GALL OF THE SYRIANS

Sir, - To hurry is not the way of a gentleman. I am surprise that Prime Minister Peres, whom I consider to be a gentleman, is so eager to come to terms with the Syrians. President Assad, whom not even his friends would call a gentleman, is wily, secretive and above all, mortal. His successor may not be prepared - and also not constitutionally required to abide by what will then be the predecessor's decision to make full peace with Israel.

Why should Israel seek peace with Syriz when the other side makes impossible demands and preconditions to even negotiations? Cannot both sides live with the situation as is and leave the whole question to be settled by another generation?

Having started two wars against Israel and lost both, the Syrians have every reason to approach the victor with deference and not with arrogant requests. If they don't see it that way -well, cannot we wait until they do? Peace with Syria? It would be

nice but unnecessary even from the point of view of the visionary who sees a pacified Middle East by the year 2000. DR. BERTHOLD WYLER JOSEPH LERNER

ligations under the agreement, or apologized to the nation for allowing the violations to occur.

Rabin said, 'One of our painful problems made up of those two

percent didn't know. Peres's standard glowing opti-

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C'mon auntie, let the tomboy be!

PARENTING

RUTH MASON

OW do I get my child's aunts and uncles to get off my tomboy daughter's back when they make her feel inadequate when the 'lace parade'' goes by at family gatherings and

Debby Porten, family therapist, Shiluv Institute for Marriage and Family Therapy, replies:

There are no magic formulas here. Trying to change the behavior of an elderly great-aunt might be a complete exercise in futility. But if your relatives are the types that can hear you, I would tell them very directly that this is the way my daughter dresses, she feels very good in these clothes and it's fine with me and I would appreciate it if you would not make hurtful remarks about it. You can add that they might not be aware that she's sensitive to their remarks and it hurts her

I was feeling very pressured the other day and I lost my temper at my five-year-old. It wasn't his fault and I felt bad and wanted to apologize. How do I do that in away that's appropriate and meaningful? How much should I share about what's going on with me in that situation?

Debby Porten replies: When you feel you've done something to your child that he didn't deserve and that was related to your own anger or tension, it's always appropriate to tell him you're sorry. You won't lose stature in the eyes of your child. Quite the opposite: the child can appreciate the apology. Children understand the concept at a very early age. Even two-year-olds know to say "I'm sorry" to each



other when they've done something hurtful.

In the circumstances you describe, an apology is actually helpful to your child because it helps him to understand what happened. It can be confusing for hildren when a parent gets angry at them and they can't figure out

You asked about how much of your own feelings to share: the less the better. You can just say that you were angry or tense or upset and that it had nothing to do with him. Children are not there to share our problems and issues. For that, we have our spouses and friends. Children cannot understand adult prob-lems and will just feel burdened

And remember - children get angry and say nasty things and know that parents also lose their tempers sometimes. We're all human, and it's not the end of the world to get angry inappropriately at our kids. An apology, however, acts as a healing salve on the hurt feelings we may have inadvertently caused.

If you have a question about parenting, write to: Parenting, POB 81, 91000 Jerusalem.

FEATURES

Times are tough for WUJS

HEN Albert Einstein, then a lecturer at Berlin University, and a clutch of other academics and students founded the World Union of Jewish Students in 1924, the issues before them were clear: rising antisemitism on European campuses and the increased use of quotas limiting the admission of Jews to some universities.

In the 1970s, this activism was revived by WUJS on behalf of Soviet Jews. When Natan Sharansky was released in 1986, at his first public appearance he thanked "you, the Jewish stu-dents," who helped ensure that the world did not forget his plight and that of other refuseniks.

But this week WUJS is having to talk about new challenges during its triennial conference at Kibbutz Ma'aleh Hahamisha, near Jerusalem. "It's necessary to work out a new common ap-proach among ourselves," said new WUJS chairman Claude Kandiyoti.

Although antisemitism still exists on some campuses, the end of the Cold War and the advent of the peace process have for the most part removed the external threats that defined WUJS's role.

Unlike many international or-ganizations disoriented by the shift in world political circumstances of recent years, WUJS's energetic and enthusiastic new leadership is disarmingly honest

about the problems it's run into. "In the last three years, we've lacked leadership, lacked direction and lacked new projects," says Turkish-born Kandiyoti, 23, whose organization, through lo-cal affiliates, represents hundreds of thousands of Jewish students worldwide.

"As long as there were Jews in danger, there was no question as to why students and young people should feel that being Jewish was important to them," he says.

As if this loss of direction in the early '90s wasn't enough for Kandiyoti to deal with, there are lingering problems arising out of severe mismanagement - some say corruption - under the previous leadership that saw the union come close to collapse.

In 1994, accusations of financial impropriety prompted the The organization that represents Jewish students worldwide is trying to redefine its goals, Tom Gross reports

Jewish Agency, which provides about half WUJS's \$500,000 annual budget, to order an inquiry into union activities. Two successive chairmen later resigned.

At the beginning of this week's conference it was clear that the results of those troubled times were still in evidence, as the National Union of Israeli Students (NUIS) - representing 120,000 members - announced it was leaving WUIS.

NUIS international secretary Effy Rifkin, 32, said his group had become "increasingly dis-mayed that WUIS has lost direction over the last three years." "Obviously, the split is a big disappointment, and we will be

reconsider their decision," said Kandiyoti. "The real root of the problem

doing our utmost to make them

is that NUIS has a completely different agenda than local Jewish student unions, which are promoting Jewish minority issues within a wider society," says Arieh Doobov, 26, WUIS's new comptroller. "NUIS is concerned with national Israeli issues, lobbying for increased funding and

housing for students."
As WUJS leaders are all too aware, most Israeli Jewish students are not interested in what Diaspora Jewish activists term

"Jewish issues."
"I've never heard of WUJS."

Israeli students say no to Germany

N explaining their decision to leave the World Union of Jewish Students this week, the National Union of Israeli Students (NUIS) cited, among other matters, the WUJS decision to endorse their European branch's holding of a summer university last September in

WUJS comptroller Arieh Doobov says, "It comes down to their belief that Jews should not live in Germany and our position that Jews can live where they want."

"It was a good thing that the university was held in Germany," said Mark Klinger of the German Union of Jewish Students. "Jewish life is being revived there by the day," Klinger, 21, from Dusseldorf, is here this week with 10 fellow German students for the conference.

Although the Jewish population is in decline throughout most of the Diaspora, Germany is one of the exceptions. It has one of the fastestgrowing Jewish communities in the world. The community officially numbers 52,000, but an estimated 30,000 other Jews live there, including up to 10,000 from Israel.

'I understand Jewish friends of mine abroad who don't want to visit Germany," says Klinger, whose parents moved to Germany from Romania in 1965, "but we exist. Germany is an important country, and I don't think there is more antisemitism here today than elsewhere." Next week, President Ezer Weizman is to visit Germany where he will be the first Israeli head of state to address a joint session of the

However, Weizman went out of his way when he addressed the WUJS conference this week to ask if there were German students in the audience. He then littlered his speech with repeated remarks and asides

about them the tone of which many delegates said verged on "racism."
"I couldn't live in Germany as a Jew," he added, "but you can live there till the cows come home if you want."

dent at the Hebrew University. "These student unions are usually just an outlet for self-important waffle.... Anyway, I don't see the need for a specifically Jewish

One of WUJS's main new programs has been to put Hebrew University students in touch with thousands of Jewish students from around the world who come on one-year programs here. "The Diaspora youth here live in a bubble," says Doobov. "They may have a good time while they are here, but they are isolated. They don't integrate with Israeli society at all, or really under-

stand what Israel is. "At the same time we want to make Israelis more aware and respectful of their Jewish past and peers in the Diaspora. Hopefully, the two groups can enrich each

Despite the controversy with NUIS, Kandiyoti says he is upbeat about the organization's future. This year's gathering is one of its biggest ever, with 450 dele-gates attending from 39 countries, including states which have not been represented before, such as India, Guatemala, Ecuador and Bosnia.

However, Kandiyoti added that the challenges before WUJS were great. "The fact that it was a student who murdered his fellow Jew, Yitzhak Rabin, shows that there is a crisis in Jewish educa-

tion," he asserted. Kandiyoti also said WUJS's priorities today were to prevent assimilation, "to promote Jewish education by creating resources, convincing Jewish communities to develop their youth and feel comfortable with their Jewishness, as well as encouraging them to learn Hebrew and spend time in Israel through our educational program in Arad.".

Kandiyoti also pointed out that it was a mark of confidence in WUJS that several leading Israeli politicians had agreed to address the week-long conference, in-cluding President Ezer Weizman, ministers Yossi Beilin and Rabbi Yehuda Amital, Jewish Agency head Avraham Burg, Likud MK Benny Begin and Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert.

Be it as hero or invader, Che's legend lives on

ended in failure and tried to spread is in shambles. The ideology that moved him has virtually collapsed around the

But three decades later, his myth refuses to die.

Che Guevara, the Argentine born doctor-turned-guerrilla, is the subject of admiration and controversy in Bolivia, where his life came to an end and where his remains are being sought.

Guevara fought alongside Fidel Castro in the guerrilla war that led to the 1959 Communist revolution in Cuba. He became that country's deputy leader until he went to Bolivia and spread the revolution. There he met with defeat and

The recent search for his bones has revived interest in Guevara, who died in 1967, when he and dozens of followers were captured and executed by Bolivian

The government ordered the search after two retired army generals said they knew where he was buried.

The digging under the local airstrip in Vallegrande, a town of 6,000 people 690km. from the

Guerrilla leader Che Guevara is nearby La Hignera village, where Guevara was killed, as Santo Erthe subject of admiration and controversy in Bolivia, where his life came to an end and where

capital La Paz, produced the bones of three men, none of them Guevara's. It also triggered a revival of the legend and controversy that have surrounded Guevara

for decades. Residents of Vallegrande have mixed feelings about the guerrilla leader who once drew international attention to their farming

community. Some consider him a hero, a champion for the poor. Others think of him as a foreign invader in the wrong place at the wrong

Emeterio Osinaga, a 62-year-old peasant, said Guevara arrived at a time when most peasants in Bolivia owned land thanks to a 1953 agrarian reform.

'Guevara had nothing to offer to Bolivian farmers," he said. The local Indian population re-

his remains are being sought

jected Guevara's alien accent, his odd looks with long hair and beard, his rumpled clothing and his ragtag guerrilla gang.
Osinaga recalled listening to

Guevara and his followers promise "a new world without poverty" and to their requests for help. But what could they offer to

us, if they were in even worse shape than we were?" Osinaga

SINCE his death, however, many in Vallegrande have turned Guevara into a saintly figure whom they ask for favors.

Rene Hein, the town's Roman Catholic priest, said peasants often pay to have him celebrate Mass for Guevara. Hein said the requests have become more frequent since the search for the guerrilla's remains started Some residents refer to the

nesto de la Higuera. Some light candles below a framed photograph of Guevara taken from old newspapers, said Hernan Cortez, deputy mayor of Vallegrande. Several times during the two

weeks of digging for Guevara's body, local farmers lit signs with burning wood in the surrounding hills. "Che lives," the signs read. President Gonzalo Sanchez de

Lozada has pledged that if the guerrilla's remains are found, they will be given to his family. But Vallegrande residents protest, saying they want to establish a Che Guevara museum with the remains, the weapons, the clothing and the diaries of the guernillas and the soldiers who fought

Cortez said "the Guevara myth" grew after the rebel was killed. While he was active in the area, the peasants followed his operations with fear, Cortez said, because of military propaganda and the dead soldiers brought to their village.

Military officials are unbappy with the resurgence of the Guevara legend, not because they fear a new guerrilla movement,



Major Ernesto 'Che' Guevara mans a radio transmitter during the Cuban Revolution in 1959.

but because they feel it belittles their role in putting down what they see as Communist aggression against Bolivia. When students erected a Guevara monument near the school

where he was killed, the military promptly removed it and de-

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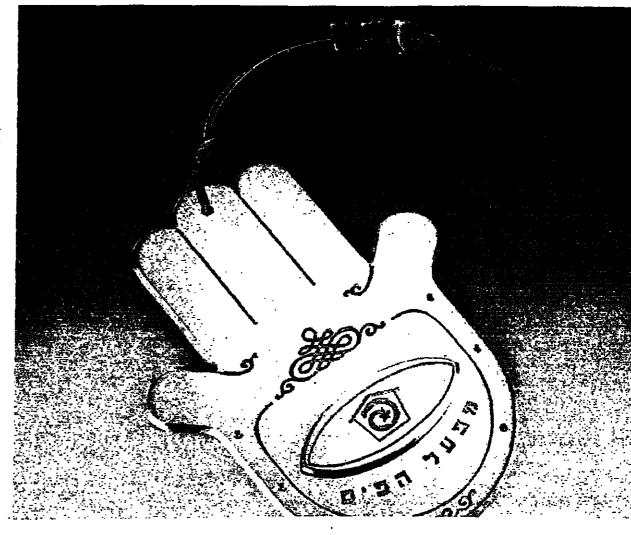
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Rates lowered on Israel Bonds

MARILYN HENRY **NEW YORK**

ONE month after Israel's unprecedented bond issue on Wall Street, the Finance Ministry and the Development Corporation for Israel (Israel Bonds) lowered interest rates on Israel Bonds and set a lower target for 1996 Bonds

Israel Bonds expects to raise up to \$850 million this year, the organization announced in New York on Monday. Last year's total was \$935 million, which was down from \$999m. in 1994.

The Finance Ministry said in a statement that the lower interest rate was linked to the country's improved financial situation.

Last month the gevernment raised \$250m. in the American financial market with so-called "Yankee bonds." The sale, which was oversubscribed, was Israel's first public offering on Wall Street that was not backed by a US government guarantee.

However, in a statement of support for Israel Bonds, Finance Minister Avraham Shohat said "Israel should not give up an important source of income, one that is not dependent on economic and political fluctuations in the Middle East and the international capital market."

The interest rate for the floating rate bond will drop from the . American prime rate minus 0.75 percent to prime minus 1.5%, but no more than 8%. The "economic development" bond, with a fixed rate, will be 0.70%, down from 0.75%.

Notes for a period of seven years, based on Libor, will drop from Libor plus 1% to Libor plus 0.80% (today 6.30%). These notes are available to any buyer, but tend to be purchased by

In New York, Israel Bonds president Nathan Sharony said the organization wants to expand the number of buyers and will focus on smaller denominations at lower interest rates, rather than on sales to banks and financial institutions.

He did not think the reduced interest rate would affect sales, saying the rate was "reasonable" in the current market.

The number of bond buyers rose about 5% in the last year, Sharony said. "This in itself is a positive trend," he said. "I am

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Shohat: No reason to give up this source of income, one that isn't dependent on economic and political fluctuations.

not concerned about being able to raise the money. We are broadening the base."

Israel Bonds sales were not hurt by the success of the Yankee bonds, Sharony said. "That was a small offering," he said, adding that "these are sold to customers

who are not my customers." Sharony said the goal of \$850m. was set by the government, within the limits of allowable debt. Israel Bonds represents a bit more than 30% of the out-

standing debt of the government. Israel Bonds, which has raised \$14 billion since 1951, has historically been pitched to Jewish communities with emotional appeals to state-building and immigrant

While they are seen as valuable for fostering ties between Israel and diaspora communities, they are only one vehicle through which the government can raise

Further, Sharony relies on a sales force of thousands of lay volunteers whose product must compete against increasingly sophisticated financial instruments.

The 1994 sales were split virtually evenly between bonds and notes. Last year, however, bonds

The decrease in total sales was linked to a decline in European sales of notes, which were \$222m. in 1994, against \$72m in 1995.

Sharony said the 1994 figure was due to a major sale to a consortium of banks. With sales to banks now limited, he said, "we cannot repeat this kind of sale."

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Central bank wants to ease foreign currency controls

Frenkel: Hopes Treasury will okay plan soon

EVELYN GORDON and Jerusalem Post Staff

THE Bank of Israel will shortly introduce new measures to ease foreign currency controls, central bank Governor Jacob Frenkel told the Knesset Finance Committee yesterday.

Frenkel said he hoped the new measures will be okayed by the Treasury and brought to the Finance Committee for approval "in the very near future."

However, he said it will not be possible to completely eliminate currency controls until inflation here has fallen to Western levels. Banking sources said the re-

forms are likely to be introduced "within weeks" and will pertain not only to the business sector but also to institutional investors and households and include more deregulation of overseas investing.

However, they added, the shekel's exchange mechanism will not be reformed in the near

Frenkel praised the Treasury's plan to cut NIS1.3 billion from ministry budgets to free up funds for items such as the health system crisis without increasing the

However, he strongly implied that the plan would not lead to either interest rate cuts or a

'The Treasury's plan is intended to return the deficit to its planned level [of 2.5%]," he said. "Our monetary policy is already set in accordance with this planned level."

Furthermore, he said, the economy is overheated. Over the last three years, cumulative growth has been about 25%, while the number of employees has risen 23% and per capita GNP has increased 20%.

"This is a very, very fast rate



Central bank Governor Jacob Freman Land Meeting yesterday.

Committee chairman Gedalya Gal at the meeting yesterday.

(Isaac Harari)

- and, in my opinion, overheated

The problem is not just the rate of growth, he continued, but the fact that it has been funded by a huge growth in the balance of payments deficit, which reached \$4,2b, in 1995.

This represents a debt which will have to be paid someday, he

Healthy growth, Frenkel stressed, can only be funded by an increase in savings, but Israel's savings rate has declined steadily.

In 1995, for the first time in years, private savings increased slightly, he said, but this was cauceled out by a steep drop in public savings, as evidenced by the fact that the budget deficit increased for the first time in sever-

"If fiscal restraint increases,

[of growth]," he said. "This then we will be able to permit means we have an active, vibrant ourselves less monetary restraint," he said.

Committee chairman Gedalya Gal (Labor) opened the meeting by protesting the fact that the budget contains almost NIS 10b. for subsidizing employers' payments to the National Insurance

This is "a great deal of money," he said, and a multi-year plan to gradually reduce these subsidies should be introduced.

However, Frenkel vigorously opposed this idea, saying NII payments by employers are a tax on employment which should be reduced in order to improve business profitability and encourage companies to hire new workers.

"Is this the time to impose a tax on the employment of workers?" he asked. "This makes no sense! In my opinion, we cannot reduce [the subsidy] at this time."

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Court decides not to repossess Shapiras' properties: The Tel Aviv District Court yesterday decided not to repossess properties owned by the Shapira family, former owners of Carmel Carpets. Because this was a case of respected people, the court said, it was enough to issue a statement forbidding the family from carrying out any business transactions concerning its properties until the case against it is settled.

A suit was filed in June by Carmel Carpets' liquidators, charging that the family had illegally used company assets for personal purposes, including the purchase of a Caesarea villa. Carmel Carpets has been sold to Beitli owner Ofer Eitani.

Cotton growers planning to plant more this year: Much needed rain has raised expectations among cotton growers, who intend to plant 20 percent more than last year, the Cotton Growers board announced yesterday. Despite the fact that cotton is primarily grown using treated waste water irrigation, farmers still rely on a certain percentage of rainwater.

This year, 300,000 dunam will be seeded, compared with 250,000 in 1995. The first half of the planting season is in March-April, but the harvest is already being sold at a high rate. Expected turnover for this year's cotton harvest is NIS 400 million. Last season was a record bumper crop of between 500 kilograms per dunam (for Pima) and 550 kg. per dunam (for Acala). Over 70% of Israel's cotton crop goes to export.

DA undecided on prosecuting Promedico

NO final decision has been made by the District Attorney's Office whether to prosecute Teva subsidiary Promedico on tax evasion

Globes mistakenly reported vesterday that charges had been filed, and its headline said Teva CEO Eli Hurvitz was indicted on conspiracy and concealment of \$20 million in back taxes.

Hurvitz was chairman of Promedico between 1981 and 1986. If filed, the charges will be against Promedico itself and owners Benjamin Jesselson and Alexander Eisenberg, as well as

Teva sold Promedico in 1987. The erroneous announcement took the company by surprise, a Teva spokeswoman said. Teva yesterday released a sum-

Beeper companies want to charge

callers for leaving message

mary of the world pharmaceutical industry by brokerage Furman Selz, which named Teva (and Watson Pharmaceuticals) as having turned in "spectacular stock performances, with the same expected for 1996.

"It is expected that by the end of 1996, Copaxone - the new drug for multiple scienosis - will have been launched worldwide and that earnings per share growth will go up from the current rate of about 20%."

Copaxone alone could generate EPS in 1998 of \$2.50, Furmazn Selz said, adding "there is little premium in the stock at current prices, but worldwide approval [for the drug] will change

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Price targets of more than \$60 this year were predicted.

Motorola reports 19.2% rise in revenues

RACHEL NEIMAN

MOTOROLA (Israel) yesterday reported a 19.2 percent rise in revenues last year to \$770 million from \$646m. in 1994.

Only 50% of Pelephone revenues were factored into Motorola (Israel)'s annual report. Pelephone is owned jointly by Motorola (Israel) and Bezek.

"In practical terms Motorola (Israel) is the second largest communications company in Israel after Bezek," said CEO Hanan Achsaf. "The company today serves one-half million clients in wireless various communications."

Achsaf said Motorola (Israel) hopes to pass the \$1 billion mark in revenues within two years.

During the past year, Achsaf said "Motorola continued building and expanding within the lo-cal market [We] expanded the MIRS advanced wireless digital

network for organization. "Together with Bezek [we] in-

vested \$160m. in widening Israel's cellular communications infrastructure," he said. Subsidiary Motorola Semicon-

ductor (Israel) enlarged its Herzliva development center.

was involved in setting up a wire-less data base for United Parcel Service in Europe and in adapting MIRS equipment to the Japanese and European markets.

erosion of profits, the result of

The company, which employs 3,150 workers, posted \$245,000 in per-worker output as com-

Last year Motorola (Israel)

\$233m. from \$210m. in 1994.

change rate freeze, Achsaf said.

pared with \$194,000 in 1994.

Exports rose only 10% to The reason was a continuing

higher wages for skilled workers and a prolonged dollar-shekel ex-

THE Communications Ministry is coming under pressure from the various beeper companies to allow the charging of up to NIS 2.50 to callers who leave

messages, so firms can significantly reduce the cost of purchasme or leasing beepers. The beeper firm would have a special prefix number, 058.

"I don't believe it's a good idea, but I won't prevent it," ministry director-general Shlomo Waxe told The Jerusalem Post. "It would only be an option for customers, but not mandatory for all beepers available. In any

case," he added, "this arrangement exists in a number of countries, including the US." The beeper companies insist

that lowering the price of the messaging devices would greatly increase their sales and profits. However, forcing those who leave messages to pay a fee - in addition to regular Bezeq phone units for contacting the beeper office - could discourage many people from leaving messages.

The arrangement would first have to go through the Knesset

Finance Committee," Waxe explained.

"If it were approved, it would start only experimentally, for nine months, and we would require the beeper companies to launch a massive publicity campaign to explain the system."

Meanwhile, Waxe told Consumer Protection Authority director-general Yossi Sa-Ness that cellular phione service will never reach the quality of regular phone service.

He said Pelephone and Cellcom are meeting all conditions of

Abjac Mazal's Hula permit extended

OIL exploration partnership Abjac Mazal announced yesterday its Hula Valley permit has been extended until 2025.

The 30-year permit is the longest time limit issued here.

Abjac has obligated itself to

RACHEL NEIMAN

conduct seismic surveys covering 30 square kilometers and up to 500 meters deep. Abjac said these surveys will be completed by the end of the year.

Abaje must execute nine sam-ple drillings at the Gonen, Neot Mordechai and Nutra sites at depths of between 150 to 200

Five will be executed this year and four in 1997.

EU expected to give go-ahead for SAS/Lufthansa alliance soon

BRUSSELS (Reuter) - The European Commission is expected to give the go-ahead this month, but on a number of conditions, to a strategic alliance between Scandinavian Airlines Systems (SAS) and Germany's Lufthansa, an EU source said yesterday.



regular commission meeting next week or the following week, the source said. "Then the commission will ap-

out giving details of the conditions that would be attached to the approval. Clearance would be no surprise, as European Competition Commissioner Karel Van Miert

said Lufthansa and SAS had ac-

prove it," the source said, with-

cepted the EU's demands. The Finanstidningen daily said the demands agreed by the two airlines included maintaining flight frequencies on certain key routes for five years, giving up some slots between Scandinavia and Germany to would-be competitors, signing interline agreements with competitors and enabling competitors to take part in joint customer loyalty programs. Lufthansa and SAS, which is

A decision was expected at the jointly owned by the governments of Sweden, Denmark and Norway and by private investors, announced the strategic alliance in May. It involves creation of a joint venture to operate scheduled flights between Germany

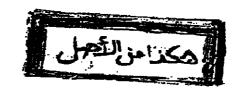
In August the commission said they must make room for other airlines on routes linking Germany and Scandinavia if they want-ed its approval for their alliance.

In a notice published in the EU's official journal, the commission also said Lufthansa must end its link with Finnair on routes between Scandinavia and

SAS and Lufthansa have said the alliance would bring huge savings to both airlines and industry analysts believe it makes good sense for both airlines as compe-

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Koor leads shares lower

TEL AVIV STOCK MARKET

FELICE MARAKZ



INDEXES fell for a third straight day yesterday, led by declines in Koor Industries Ltd.

Koor, the country's largest in-dustrial company, fell 0.75 percent following declines in Koor's American Depositary Receipts, which fell 1/4 to 19 5/8 in New York on Monday.

The Maof Index dropped 0.36 percent to 218.88, while the Two-Sided Index fell 0.38% to 212.02. Of 1,009 shares trading, almost three shares fell for every two that rose.

Almost NIS 111 million worth of shares traded, NIS 6.1 million less than Monday's level and NIS 2m. less than last week's average trading level.

"These are healthy declines after a month and a half of increases," said Zvi Hoffman, manager of mutual funds at Tel Aviv investment firm Meitav Ltd. The Maof Index has risen 15.8% since mid-November.

Budget reductions of NIS 1.3 billion from the fiscal 1996 budget of NIS 172.8b, approved by the cabinet on Sunday, failed to boost share prices. "The budget cut wasn't dramatic," said

Chemical companies also fell. Dead Sea Works dropped 1%; Dead Sea Bromine Co. fell 0.75%, and Israel Chemicals Ltd. decreased 0.25%.

Israel Corp., which holds a stake in ICL, fell 3%.

Israel Petrochemical Enterprises Ltd. was an exception, rising 2.75%, as investors expect the price of polyethylene to increase, said Hoffman.

FTSE Index dips 20.3 points

WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

LONDON (Renter) - UK shares retreated after setting a new intraday record high in early trading, as the US Dow Jones Index lost ground and US Treasury bonds dipped amid continued concern over the US budget

Early news of Granada's raised offer for Forte initially rekindled the market's bid hopes and lifted the FTSE 100 to a new trading record of 3,728.6.

However, a weak opening on Wall Street helped drive the index down 20.3 to 3,700.3 by the

FRANKFURT - German shares ended floor trade up about one percent after posting sharp

Strong foreign buying interest was behind the surge, which traders say sparked by Morgan Stanley upgrading its German weighting in European model to "overweight."

The 30-share DAX Index ended floor trade up 26.16 points at 2,349.64. In post-bourse trade the index rose 14.71 to 2,351.47.

PARIS - French shares ended just a touch down, after market professionals spent the day pushing the index up and down via the futures pit. In a market which lacked impetus, Rhone-Poulenc featured heavily after it cut profit

forecasts for 1995, traders said. The CAC-40 Index closed down 0.27 at 1,916.29.

ZURICH - Swiss shares ended slightly down in selective trading but above the day's lows in what solidation after considerable gains in the first week of trading this year.

The all-share SPI lost 2.98 points to 2,173.70.

TOKYO - Shares in Tokyo ended higher yesterday, recouping earlier losses in late afternoon. Brokers said buying emerged after the market showed resilience despite technical warning signs following sharp gains last week.

Some said the recovery brightened prospects for today onwards. The 225-share Nikkei average finished up 88.50 points, or 0.43%, at 20,652:08:-

HONG KONG - Hong Kong sion weaker but off lows in diminished volume yesterday, amid various cash call rumors. The blue-chip Hang Seng Index fell 39.47 points to close at 10,427.20.

SYDNEY - Australian stocks closed lower in a day of few leads and average turnover with the majors suffering profit-taking af-ter the gains of the past week.

The All Ordinaries Index ended 12.1 points lower at 2,262.8.

JOHANNESBURG - South African shares ended an active day mixed, with golds dampened by a weaker bullion price and industrials paring earlier losses in late profit-taking.

The all-share index was up 25.2

points to 6,628.9, the industrial index rose 10.7 points to 8,312.1 and the gold index slipped 0.9 points to 1,571.8.

Blue chips tumble on high tech earnings fears

WALL STREET REPORT

NEW YORK (Reuter) - Bluechip stocks tumbled 67 points yesterday following a fierce selloff of technology shares on Wall

average ended 67.55 points lower at 5,130.13.

Based on early and unofficial

GMT. data, the Dow Jones industrial

In the broader market, declining issues led advances by nearly two to one on heavy volume of 419 million shares on the New York Stock Exchange.

The plunge activated the New

York Stock Exchange's curbs on

index-related trades at 8:03 p.m.

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Buy Blue & White and keep Israel in the Pink

SFI, gov't settle dispute

DEPUTY Minister of Education. Culture and Sport Micha Goldman has promised to channel four million shekels to the Sports Federation of Israel.

Besides settling the ongoing dispute between the two parties, the money will cover the SFI's outstanding debts and provide monetary compensation for the SFI staff who were fired after the unions became independent last week.

The decision was reached after Goldman met with SFI Chairman

HEATHER CHAIT

Yehezkel Harmelech and Director General Shmuel Lalkin in Jerusalem on Monday evening. Unlike previous meetings be-

tween Goldman and the SFL this one was conducted in an amiable atmosphere. Goldman agreed to notify Harmelech by Friday of the transaction details so that the workers would receive their compensation money by January 15. "I am pleased that Goldman

has realized that this historic reform has to be done with the SFI as a partner," said Harmelech after the meeting.

Following Goldman's promises, the heads of the 18 newly independent unions will assemble tomorrow to receive their certificates of independence from Harmelech while next week Goldman will again meet Harmelech to discuss the budgets of the SFI, the Elite Sport Unit and the sports unions.

Juiced-up Jazz beat the Heat

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - John Stockton hit a 20 foot (6 meter) jump shot at the buzzer to give the Utah Jazz a 94-92 victory over the Miami Heat.

Stockton, who scored 27 points, tied the game Monday night with a 3-pointer with 16 sec-

onds remaining.
After Miami's Alonzo Mourning missed a hook shot, Utah's Greg Ostertag rebounded and passed to Stockton, who called time out with 1.9 seconds

Adam Keefe inbounded to Stockton, who came to the left side, caught the ball, turned to his right and took the winning shot as the clock ran out.

Karl Malone scored 32 points for Utah. He made 15 of a careerhigh 28 foul shots. Mourning led the Heat with 22

points, but was just 4-of-17 from the foul line. Bimbo Coles scored 18 points and Billy Owens added 17, in-

cluding a layup with 1:14 left that gave Miami a 91-88 lead. Owens fouled Malone on the other end, and he made one of two shots to cut Utah's deficit to

two points with 1:02 remaining. After Mourning made one of two free throws, Keefe missed a pair of foul shots with 26 seconds left. But Ostertag grabbed the rebound, and the Jazz passed the ball around to Stockton, who made his tying 3-pointer.

Cavaliers 109, Ballets 91 Bobby Phills scored 25 points and host Cleveland shot 59 percent for the

second straight game.
Chris Mills and Terrell Brandon each scored 23 for the Cavs, winners of six of their last seven games. Cleveland has gone 18-6 since losing its first seven games of the season.

The Bullets, who have lost their last 10 road games against the Cavs, suited up just eight players. Among the missing were leading scorer Chris Webber (23.7 points per game) with a strained shoulder and third-leading



ON THE MOVE - Washington's Mitchell Butler drives towards the hoop Monday night in Cleveland.

scorer Robert Pack (18.1 points) with a bruised knee.

The Cavaliers took advantage by shooting a season-high 59.4 percent from the floor, improving on the 59.2 percent they shot in beating Orlando on Saturday night.
The Cavs led 48-41 at halftime, and

after the Bullets got within four on a 3-pointer by Ledell Eackles starting the third quarter, Cleveland pulled away quickly with an 18-6 run that began with a 3-pointer by Brandon

Washington never got closer than 10 after that.

Juwan Howard led the Bullets with 23 points and Gheorghe Muresan had 14 points and 12 rebounds. Eackles and Tim Legler scored 13 each. ... The Cavaliers improved to 10-1 in games in which they score at least 100

MONDAY'S NBA RESULTS: Utah 94, Miami 92 Cleveland 109, Washington 91 Oriento at Bhilindathia, and

Sherf replaces Klein as head coach of Maccabi TA

MACCABI Tel Aviv has replaced head coach Ralph Klein with Zvi Sherf, the club announced yesterday.

The move ends several days of speculation, following Sherf's departure as Limoges head coach on Friday, that he would return to the

top spot at Maccabi. Amnon Yaskil, Klein's assistant, was also

Sherf, who is signed through this season and two additional years, inherits a Maccabi team that is tied for first place in the league with an 8-1 record and has a 4-4 mark in the European Club Championships final pool.

The change came only two days before the crucial European Club Championship game against Real Madrid tomorrow at Yad

Sherf, who is also the national team coach,

BRIAN FREEMAN

already conducted his first practice yesterday morning and told reporters he would try to bring a new sense of fighting spirit and defensive intensity to the club.

Klein, who submitted his resignation yesterday morning, said he accepted responsibility for the club's failure to live up to its expectations.

His departure seemed increasingly imminent with the 90-66 European loss on Thursday at Pau-Orthez and the 104-91 State Cup defeat in the first leg of the quarterfinals at Maccabi Rishon Lezion on Sunday.

Klein had five earlier stints as Maccabi head coach, starting in 1972 and is regarded as their most successful in that role, taking the team to its first European championship in 1977.

This will be Sherf's fourth tenure as Maccabi head coach, previously holding the position from 1984-1987, in 1989, and then returning to replace Ted Owens in the middle of the 1990 season and staying with the team ıntil 1992.

During that time, he led Maccabi to eight league championships and six State Cup wins. He was unable to bring a European championship to Tel Aviv, however, twice leading Maccabi to the title game, as well as an additional trip to the Final Four.

Sherf left the club after Maccabi lost to Estudiantes Madrid in the 1992 European quarterfinal series.

Sherf parted company with Limoges in second place in the French league with a 14-2 record and a 4-2 mark in the European Cup

Stage is set for today's Tiberias Marathon

JOSEPH HOFFMAN

CONFIDENCE and humility were expressed in equal measure as Ahmad Hussein completed his preparations for today's 19th Tiberias Marathon.

The 24-year-old Ethiopian, who is seeking his third straight victory here, said, "I am in peak shape and my two previous wins make me the favorite," but before hubris could take hold, he added, "but I am up against some pretty tough competition, especially from my countrymen."

Hussein, who is a pilot trainer, was referring to Daba Girma, Yared Kebede, and Tamsa Haileamjak. The quartet have run together before and know how to pace each other over the 42.195 kilometer (26 miles, 385 yards)

Girma has recorded the best time of all the runners at 2 hours 12 minutes 5 seconds. Hussein, who won here last year with a mark of 2:15:10, set his personal best of 2:14:50 in winning the Tiberias Marathon two years ago.

Challenging the Ethiopian hegemony are a trio of Russians, led by national champion Alex Pershin, Igor Raibov and Alexander

Israel's best hopes rest with last year's winners - former Ethiopian Assaf Birnro, who came in second in November's Jerusalem half-marathon run, and Ayelet

Bimro will need to improve considerably on his best time of

2:17:12 to qualify for the Atlanta Olympic's minimum of 2:16:00. With the Tel Aviv run also shortened by half, the first Israeli man and woman to cross the finish line will be crowned national

The 150 runners from nineteen countries will vie for \$20,000 in prize money, providing that the winning time is less than 2:15:59.

The first-place finisher will receive \$6,000, with \$3,000 for runner-up and \$1,500 for third place. The first Israeli will pocket NIS 3,000 (2,000 for second and 1,500 for third) if the time is less than

A bonus of \$1,500 will be awarded to any runner who betters the all-time Tiberias Marathon mark of 2:14:02 set by South

Africa's Kevin Shaw in 1978. Any Israeli who breaks the national mark of 2:15:45 set by Dov Kremer in Helsinki 12 years ago will bag an additional NIS 1,500.

The countries represented are Anstria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Ethiopia, Germany, Great Britain, Hungary, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Kazakhstan, Moldavia, Poland, Portugal, Russia, South Africa, Ukraine and the United States. Sponsors for the run are Days

Inn Hotel Mei Eden, Arad Auto Rental, Hotel Moriah Plaza and the Tiberias Tourist Center.

Partizan beats Herzliya

RICHARD ZAACKS

AMIR Katz pumped in 53 points, but it wasn't enough to lift Buei Herzliya past visiting Partizan Belgrade, losing to the Serbians 107-94 last night in the European Cup. Herzliya dropped to a last-place 1-7 record in the final pool, while

Partizan improved to 2-6. The young team from Belgrade opened with a 7-0 run and increased

the lead to 25-15 after 10 minutes. Katz then took control, scoring 24 out of his 31 first-half-points to

almost singlehandedly bring Herzliya to a 52-51 halftime lead But Belgrade, leading 66-65, began pulling away seven minutes into the half. The Serbians took advantage of sloppy play by Herzliya to go on a 14-7 run and never look back, as they boosted the lead to 80-72 with nine minutes remaining.

For Herzliya, Katz's 53 points bettered his previous European Cup righ of 43, set against Oostende in December. --

South Africa wins by six runs

round talents with an unbeaten 66 and four for 34 as South Africa beat England by six runs in the first one-day international yesterday.

Man-of-the-match Pollock's half-century lifted South Africa from 107 for six to 211 for eight in its 50 overs and his pace bowling took England from 155 for three to 205 all out in the day-night game at Newlands.

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Shutout in baseball's Hall

NEW YORK (AP) - For the first time in 25 years, no player was elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame, with 300-game winners Phil Niekro and Don Sutton and slugger Tony Perez again falling short Monday.

Not since 1971 had members of the Baseball Writers Association of America failed to elect a candidate. But with 75 percent support needed, Niekro received only 68.3%, followed by Perez with 65.7% and Sutton at 63.8%.

This was just the seventh time since the original selection in 1936 that the BBWAA failed to elect anvone.

Niekro, on the ballot for the fourth time, got 321 votes, 32 short of the 353 needed for election. The knuckleballer had a career record of 318-274. Perez, on the ballot for the fifth

time, was listed on 309 of the record total of 470 ballots. He had 1,652 RBIs lifetime, most among any player not already in the Hall.

Sutton, on the ballot for the third time, got 300 votes. He was 324-256 lifetime.

There is still a chance someone will be enshrined during Hall of Fame induction ceremonies August 4 in Cooperstown, New York.

DETROIT (AP) - Keith Tka-

chuck's second goal of the game

Monday night snapped not only a

4-4 tie but also Detroit's 14-game

home unbeaten streak as the

Winnipeg Jets defeated the Red

Tkachuk, who had scored Win-

nipeg's first goal with a two-man

advantage in the opening period,

netted the game-winner when he

redirected Teppo Numminen's

shot past Detroit goalie Chris Os-

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Vyacheslav Kozlov scored

twice for Detroit, which also got

and Mike Eastwood also scored

goals for the Jets. Zhamnov and

Numminen both had two assists.

Wings 6-4.

goal at 14:54

The Veterans Committee, which considers players no longer on the ballot - along with managers, executives and former Negro Leagues stars - will meet March 5 at Tampa, Florida. Jim Bunning, Nellie Fox and Gil Hodges are

among those who may be chosen. Tony Oliva (170 votes), Curt Flood (71) and the late Vada Pinson (51) were in their 15th and final years of consideration. Only Oliva will eventually be considered by the Veterans Committee.

Just three of the 13 first-time candidates - Bob Boone, Fred Lynn and Keith Hernandez - received the required 5% to remain on the ballot next year. Sieve Garvey (175 votes), Ron

Santo (174), Oliva (170) and Jim Rice (166) were Nos. 4-7 in the voting. Dan Quisenberry (18) and Bill Buckner (10) were among the first-time candidates who will drop off the ballot.

The last time a player was elected by the BBWAA beyond his first year of eligibility was 1987, when Catfish Hunter made it on his third try and Billy Williams on his sixth attempt.

In 1971, the top three votegetters were Yogi Berra (67%). Early Wynn (67%) and Ralph Kiner (59%). All three players were eventually elected.

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THERE is a lot of activity this week at the Suzanne Dellal Center in Tel Aviv. Tonight and tomorrow you can enjoy Ido Tadmor's interdisciplinary Sima's Pot, while Friday and Saturday you can revel in Noa Dar's newest opus, Zanana. All performances are at 9:00, except for Friday at 10:00.

CLASSICAL MUSIC

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AVNER Biron leads his Israel Camerata Rehovot in two cantatas by Bach (BWV 56 and BWV 213) with the New Vocal Ensemble directed by Yuval Ben Ozer and with soprano Miriam Meltzer, alto Claudia Schubert, tenor Markus Brutscher and bass Gotthold Schwarz. Also on the program is Cimarosa's oboe concerto with orchestra oboist Gabriella Bukowski and Vivaldi's bassoon concerto with Camerata bassoonist Gad Lederman. Tonight at the Wix Auditorium in Rehovot and Thursday through Saturday at the Tel Aviv Museum. 8:30, except for Friday at 2:00. Tonight is your last chance to hear young violinist

Julian Rachlin perform the Tchaikovsky violin con-



certo with the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra under the baton of Jeffrey Tate, who also leads the orchestra in an overture by Elgar and in Dvorak's rarely performed fifth symphony. 8:30 at the Mann Auditorium in Tel Aviv.

TELEVISION

RUTH KERN

NYPD Blue, which was floundering at the end of last season, has really lost it in the first episode of the new year. You know a cop show is in trouble when one of the officers is shot and, not only don't you care if he recovers, but you wish the other detectives would stop playing head games with the suspect. Doors keep opening and closing as the action is diverted into a pointless series of entrances and exits. The dialogue, too, gets bogged down in greetings and farewells:

How's it goin?

How ya doing? Wanna get somethin' ta eat? You take it easy now.

In one scene, Bobby Simone is making up with his one-time Raphelite-haired girlfriend who used to drink and now goes to AA meetings. They're out-doors with the Brooklyn Bridge in the background. And there's nobody else around. So much for gritty realism.

To check for signs of improvement, tune into Channel 2 at 10:35 p.m.

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dumb cop (rpt) 13:45 E! TV 14:35 Alan
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6:30 Cartoons 8:00 Surprise Garden 8:35 Little Monsters 9:05 Casper and Friends 9:40 Silver Hawks 10:10 Hanging with Mr. Cooper 10:45 Lois and Clark 11:40 Loony Toons 12:00 Saved by the Bell 12:30 Hugo 13:00 Surprise Garden 13:35 The Detectives 14:05 Wild West C.O.W.s 14:30 Dungeons and Dragons 15:10 Silver Hawks 15:40 Growing Pains 16:15 Party of Five: 17:10 Loony Toons 17:30 Saved by the Bell 18:00 Hugo 18:35 Little Monsters 19:00 Casper and Friends 19:30 Three's Company 20:00 Married with Children 20:30 Family Tice 20:55 The Branky 20:30 Family Ties 20:55 The Brady Bunch 21:25 Cheers

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6:00 Open University: Social Sciences and Education 12:00 Equinox 9 13:00 Air Combat 14:00 Open University 16:00 Equinox 9 17:00 Air Combat 18:00 Open University 20:00 Underwater World 21:00 Survival 21:30 Paleoworld 22:00 The Next Step 22:30 Wanders of the Universe 23:00 Underwater World 00:00 Open University

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17:00 Cartoons 17:30 The Halwarii Gase — Egyptism series 18:30 Panorama — Mideast Magazine 19:00 News in Arabic 19:30 Songs We Loved 20:00 Mahai news 20:45 Nostalgie 21:15 Chaplin and Music — film music composed by Charlie Chaplin 00:00 Closedown

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6:06 Morning Concert 9:05 Brahms: Sonata no 3 in D minor for violin and piano op 10 (Y. and H. Menuhin); hozart: Violin concerto no 5 (Stern/Columbia/Szell); Cherubini: Symphony in D minor (Stern/Columbia/Szell); Cherubini: Symphony in D minor (LAPO/Schwartz); Britten: Simple Symphony (English CO/Britten); Schumarn: Symphony no 4; Stravinsky: Le chant du rossignol symphonic poem; Brahms: Tragic Overture 12:00 Light Classical — Vivaldi:Concerto in E "Spring" from The Four Seasons; Neruda: Trumpet concerto in E flat; Bach: Piano concerto no 1: Vivaldi: Concerto for quitar concerto in E flat, Bacht: Piano concer-to no 1; Vivaldi: Concerto for guitar and string orch (orig for violin) 13:00 Violinist Shlomo Mintz – Tchaikovsky: Violin concerto in D (with JSO/Ahronovitch); Mozart: Duo in G no 1 for violin and viola (with Gil Sharon) 14:06 Encore 15:00 Keys 18:00 Mozart Variations on Lison dormait from Dezède's Julie; Pergolesi: Stabat mater (soloists/Prague CO/Prague Phil Choir); Dvorak: CO/Prague Phil Choir); Dvorak: Citrello overture (Czech PO/Pessel); Tippett: Symphoriy no 2 (London SO/Davis) 18:00 Schubert: Impromptu in G flat op 90/3 (Perahia);Brahms: 4 Songs for choir and piano op 92 (Monteverdi Choir/Gardiner); Franck: Sonata in A for violin and piano; Kodaly: internezzo for string trio (Dornus Trio); Clara Schumann: Piano trio in G minor on 17 (Dertinoton Trio): Feurre: Bailade cera scriument: Pario in or is minor op 17 (Dertington Trio); Faure: Ballade in F sharp for plano and orch op 19 (Collard/Toulouse Capitol/Plasson); Saint-Saers: Carnival of the Animals (St. Petersburg/Previn). 20:05
Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra-IBA—repeat broadcast of special concert marking 40 years of Eden-Tamir duo; cond. Mendi Rodan, soloists Bracha Eden and Alexander Tamir. Mozart: Symphony no 40; Bach: Concerto in C minor for 2 pianos; Mozart: Concerto in E flat for 2 planes; Poulenc; Concerto for 2 planes 23:00 Golden Generation — pupils of Carl Flesch. Ginette Neveu — Debussy: Sonata in G minor for violin and piano; Brahms:

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12 The girl's suit reportedly is shaggy (7) 13 I leave after the end of the

game (3) 14 Penguin ruler! (7) 17 Token that's much below the actual value (7) 19 Fool partly a comedian (7)

22 Entraps another part of the horse's foot (7) 24 Some fellows get short measure (3) 25 Broker more certain to be available first (7)

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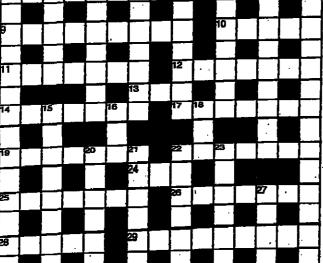
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THE Knesset House Committee failed to reach a decision yesterday on lifting the political immunity of MK Avi Yehezkel (Labor) to face fraud charges related to the Histadrut scandal.

The decision will be made only after all the material relating to the Histadrut affair bas been made available to his lawyer.

At the outset of the emotional discussion, Attorney-General Michael Ben-Yair noted that it was the fourth time he had asked the committee to lift an MK's immunity to face criminal

MK Avraham Poraz (Meretz) asked the discussion be postponed so Yehezkel could participate in the primary elections in March.

"It's a crying shame to ask to lift his immunity at the height of

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the primary election campaign. It's not fair to judge him twice," Poraz said.

MK Michael Eitan (Likud) accused Poraz of "being scared of what he will reveal."

Committee chairman Elic Goldschmidt accused Eitan of trying to make political capital out of the case. Yehezkel asked for a fair

chance to clear his name. "For 18 months my blood has been spilled. I heard I had stolen

NIS 3 million.

"And in the end the whole , charge sheet is based on the word of a state's witness who says I didn't pay NIS 16,000." His lawyer, Amnon Zichroni,

"What hasn't been said about

affect the primary election This would be seen as mixing politics and law," said the attor-

Goldschmidt initiated a com-

promise by which the discussion

will be resumed only after all the

evidence has been submitted to

said he needed to receive all he

evidence, including material re-

lating to other former Histadrut

Ben-Yair said it would be a

mistake to postpone the discus-

sion on the grounds that it could

officials under investigation.

This includes another 12 files, namely those relating to Transport Minister Yisrael Kessar, Deputy Industry and Trade Minister Masha Lubelsky, and former Histadrut secretary-general

Pandemonium upsets work on bill implementing Oslo accord

A SPECIAL joint committee created vesterday afternoon to prepare the bill on the interim agreement with the Palestinians for second and third readings scheduled to be held today broke up last night.

At one point the head of the committee, Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee chairman Haggai Merom (Labor), ordered ushers to remove Likud MKs by force when they refused to leave

The committee comprises eight MKs from the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee and the Knesset Law Committee. Three are Labor MKs; two from Meretz; two from Likud; and one from the National Religious

MK Michael Eitan (Likud), who was temporarily replacing faction chairman Moshe Katsav,

said he was not informed of a Knesset House Committee decision on who should be appointed to the special committee.

When "Fillibuster King" Eitan and party colleagues Tzahi Hanegbi and Ron Nahman arrived for the first gathering of the committee, Merom told them that only Nahman could remain. Merom's reasoning was that the committee should be split equally between members of the two main committees, whereas the three Likud MKs are all members of the Law Committee only.

The Likud had decided Nahman and Hanegbi would be members, and Eitan would replace either of them in their absence. In this way, they hoped to be able to drag out the committee meeting with a marathon debate.

The coalition is trying to pay back the Likud for its unsuccessful attempt at delaying the first reading of the bill on Monday by calling it a no-confidence motion.

The coalition wants to ensure that the bill passes before the Palestinian elections, scheduled for January 20. "We won't be just a token op-

position," said Eitan. "They want the whole thing to pass in 30 minutes. I say we have the right to shout a hundred times from the Knesset plenum that the status of Jerusalem is in danger.

"All the rules of the game were broken. They're pretending fo pass legislation as if it's a democratic country but at the same time saying only the ruling power will decide who can speak and legislate." Hanegbi called the move "Bolshevik" and "anti-

Interministerial committee to deal with non-Orthodox on religious councils

LIAT COLLINS

A NEW interministerial committee will discuss admitting Conservative and Reform Jews to religious councils, as the High Court of Appeals ruled last week. The decision to establish the committee arose during a meeting yesterday be-tween Prime Minister Shimon Peres and the religious Knesset factions.

Justice Minister David Liba'i will head the new committee, which will also include Interior Minister Haim Ramon, Religious Affairs Minister Shimon Shetreet, Minister-without-Portfolio Yehuda Amital and Education Minister Amnon

Peres already established one interministerial committee to deal with the High Court decision

two months ago, which left it for the Knesset to decide whether Reform and Conservative conversions would be recognized for the purposes of the civil Population Registry.

Last week the High Court ruled that Reform and Conservative Jews must be allowed to sit on religious councils.

Religious parties expressed concern at the decision, and asked for an early meeting with Peres to discuss it.

"We said we would preserve the [religious] status quo and we will preserve it. This has always been our stand. We're against splitting the country." Peres said yesterday.

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Ask for Romit or Tami



Prime Minister Shimon Peres shares the honors of laying the cornerstone of the Trans-Israel Highway's Ben-Shemen interchange yesterday, flanked by (left) Housing and Construction Minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer and Finance Minister Avraham Shohat. (Ilan Ossendryez/Israel Sun)

Trans-Israel Highway construction begins

THE first cornerstone of the Trans-Israel Highway was laid yesterday at the Ben-Shemen interchange with the participation of Prime Minister Shimon Peres, Housing Minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer, and Finance Minister Avraham Shohat, but opposition to the planned 300-kilometer artery has remained vocal.

As the ceremony was taking place, a plane flew overhead carrying a message to stop the highway from the Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel

Dozens of protesters, strengthened by calls from Interior Minister Haim Ramon, Environment Minister Yossi Sarid and Minister Yossi Beilin to reconsider the highway, stood nearby with placards calling for the development of public transport instead of the

Protests also came from residents of communities along the roads, or the building of a more

NEWS IN BRIEF

Criteria for youth group funding to change

The Education Ministry is working on changing its criteria for

funding youth groups, so that Arab groups will be able to obtain

funding, the ministry said yesterday in response to a complaint

by the Association for Civil Rights in Israel. The new criteria

will require loyalty to the state and adherence to democratic

values and the principles of the Declaration of Independence,

Zionist movement' and promotion of the importance of army

The ministerial committee on Ikrit and Biram will review the

situation to see if it possible to allow more descendants of the

former residents to return to the villages. The committee's

descendants of each home owner to return, due to limited

space, but the villagers vehemently oppose this restriction.

The main suspect in the murder of a Haifa couple on Yom

sources said yesterday. The couple, Rita and Maldan

Ski season opens on Mt. Hermon

The ski season is to open today on Mt. Hermon. General

intermediate and lower slopes for visitors to enjoy other

manager of the ski site Eli Sagron said the 70 cm of snow that

had accumulated following last week's snowfall is enough to

Army told to justify policy on 'Ha'aretz'

The High Court of Justice yesterday gave the army 30 days to justify its alleged discrimination against Ha'aretz's military

reporters. According to a petition filed by the paper, the army

to press conferences and tours, because it does not like the

paper's policy on reporting army casualties.

Doctor's license suspended

has refused to grant Ha'aretz reporters interviews or invite them

The medical license of Prof. Albert Bartal, formerly a surgeon

years by Health Minister Ephraim Such. The unusually severe

punishment was handed down to Bartal for taking under-the-

Ichilov. In 1991, Bartal was convicted and sentenced to nine

months in prison and a NIS 30,000 fine. Such said the fiveyear license suspension, one of the most severe administrative

punishments given to a physician in recent years, expressed

the seriousness in which he regards the phenomenon of "black"

table payments from patients for performing surgery at

at Tel Aviv's Ichilov Hospital, was suspended yesterday for five

open upper slopes for skiing, and there is sufficient snow on the

committed during a robbery.

attractions, including tobogganing.

Main suspect in couple's murder has flown

Kippur Eve was a tourist who fled the country shortly afterward,

Boskavitch, 68 and 66, immigrated from Sarajevo in 1992. A

suspect in connection with the case, Shmuel Kostanian, 46, was

remanded yesterday until Sunday. He is suspected of aiding the

tourist, whom Kostanian said was a relative staying in his house.

However, he said he knew nothing about the murder, apparently

instead of "identification with the Jewish people [and] the

Ministers to consider Biram, Ikrit

original recommendation had been to allow only two

HAIM SHAPIRO

route of the planned highway who say the road will affect their quality of life. The residents also object to the compensation offered to them for

expropriated land. Meanwhile Prof. David Mehalel of the Technion's Transportation Research Institute has questioned the highway's ability to reduce traffic jams and has called

for reevaluating the entire pro-In a letter to SPNI chairman Yoav Sagui, Mehalel Sild factors such as regional plans, encouragement of public transport, and

environmental policy were constantly evolving. Mahalel also said that in a project of this scope it was necessary to examine alternative proposals such as development of other transport, upgrading of existing

Evelyn Gordon

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David Rudge

modest highway.

The Technion expert pointed out that the building of additional highways did not necessarily ease

In the Western world, it was often found that more roads only intensified congestion. Mahalel said that no study had

been made of how the highway would affect land use along its route or how it would affect the environment He expressed fear Israel would enter into the cycle common to

many American cities in which suburbanization led to increased dependence on cars. This dependence in turn led to more traffic problems and to the

deterioration of public transport. He added that there was no reason why the reevaluation could not take place for each section of the highway at the same time as routine planning

Namir will restrict Philippine workers

was being carried out.

MICHAL YUDELMAN

LABOR and Social Affairs Minister Ora Namir intends to tighten the criteria for importing workers from the Philippines and to crack down on people who employ them illegally.

Namir's decision followed a sharp rise in the number of requests the ministry received for these workers last month - 930 compared to a monthly average of 150 in 1994.

During 1995 there was a gradual increase in monthly requests for Philippine workers who care for invalids, and at this rate their number may exceed 12,000 a year, "an intolerable" situation according to Namir.

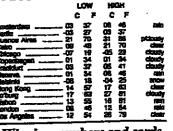
Namir yesterday initiated a meeting with Health Minister Efraim Sneh to coordinate care for invalids or elderly sick

Health Ministry spokesman Zvi Timor said that since the cost of a Philippine worker is lower than an Israeli one, most families prefer foreign help.

According to ministry data, certain personnel agencies specializing in importing foreign workers "smuggle" in foreign workers on false pretenses.

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AROUND THE WORLD



Winning numbers and cards In yesterday's Mifal Hapayis draw, the winning numbers were 48, 32, 28, 27, 17, and 11. The additional number was 24.

In the daily Chance card draw, the lucky cards were the seven of spades, king of hearts, queen of diamonds and jack of clubs.

Survey shows Arab vote swings left DAVID RUDGE

A SURVEY conducted by Haifa University into voting trends among Israeli Arabs has revealed a marked drop in support for right-wing parties and a dramatic rise in support for the Labor Party and the left-wing bloc.

The survey, by Prof. Sammy Smooha and doctoral student Asa'ad Ghanem, was conducted in September and October 1995 among 1,200 eligible voters representing a cross section of non-Jewish citizens.

Smooha said that 95% of those interviewed had replied that they would vote for Labor, and Arab parties.

"Only 5% said they would vote for the Likud, or smaller rightwing or religious parties which is an appreciable change to what happened in the 1992 elections when these parties, altogether, received 22% of the Arab vote." said Smooha.

"It is such a big drop that if this was reflected in the actual vote it would constitute a collapse in support by Arab citizens for right-wing parties." Smooha said 76% of those interviewed said they would vote in the next Knesset elections, compared with 70% in the 1992 ballot. "This is important because this would bring the voter turnout among Arab citizens to almost the same level as the Jewish vote [in percentage terms]," he said.

The poll revealed that the majority of Arab voters would prefer to see a united Arab list, that would include Ahmed Tibi, Abdul Wahab Darawshe's Democratic Arab Party, and independent groups, rather than separate lists.

In such an event, the poll found that 37% would vote for a united Arab list, 31% for Labor, 19% for Hadash, 9% for Meretz and 4% for Likud, right-wing and religious parties.

Smooha stressed that separate Tibi and Darawshe lists would split the Arab vote and probably prevent either of them from entering the Knesset. A united list, according to the findings, would ensure the election of four Arab

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